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HISTORICAL GENEALOGY

OF THE

LAWRENCE FAMILY,

FROM

THEIR FIRST LANDING IN THIS COUNTRY, A. D. 1635,
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INTRODUCTION.

ALTHOUGH in common with other kindred minds, I have long regarded the high destinies of my ancestral name as a valuable inheritance, I should not have bestowed so long a period of labor to the subject of the following pages, had not information, circulated through various channels, both in Europe and the United States reached me, that a large property belonging to my family was lying in Great Britain awaiting a call from its legitimate owners. On making inquiry into particulars, I furthermore was apprized that this property had belonged to Sir Richard Townley, whose daughter Mary was married to Joseph Lawrence, of Flushing, in or about the year 1690. Charles Townley, the father of Richard, took part with the friends of religious freedom against the treacherous and oppressive measures of Charles the First, of England, and fell at the battle of Marston Moor, when the defenders of liberty (under Cromwell) prostrated the fanatical adherents of that crowned tyrant. On the restoration of that old dynasty under Charles the Second, England presented a scene of implacable hostility to all who were connected by blood or interest with the government or fortunes of the late Protector. Charles Townley was dead and his effects were long since disposed of, but his son, Sir Richard, possessed of a large estate, became the sub-

ject of merciless sequestration. It is now said that the spoils of this savage warfare, have been held in some public depository ; and under the milder influence of succeeding monarchs, is yet attainable by such as can exhibit an authenticated title to them. To me it has seemed that this amelioration of a policy which stained the character of Charles the Second and his government, is rendered probable by the fact that Francis Howard, who married the youngest sister of Mary Townley, namely, Dorothy Townley, was afterwards made Baron Howard, of Effingham, and on the 8th of December, 1731, received further honor by being created first Earl of Effingham. And it is from this connection that the name of Effingham Lawrence has attained a frequency on this side of the Atlantic, amongst the family down to the present day. I have introduced these facts and probabilities, to show what incitements led me on to investigate the records yet accessible, in order to sustain my own pretensions to the property of Mary Townley, from whom I am lineally and legitimately descended. In the course of this investigation, I have met with inducements to pursue the subject upon a broader field ; for I have perceived in the position which the descendants of the three brothers, emigrants from Europe, namely, John, William, and Thomas Lawrence, have sustained of honor, dignity and distinction, that I trust it will be regarded as a *venial* offence if pride of family has led me into inquiries beyond my first intentions, to gather up from previous publications, and from every other source of information, an entire Genealogy of the original transatlantic pioneers of this family down to the present time. In the expenditure of making known to others the result of this now widely extended labor, I have

hopes of being aided by many not interested in the Townley Estate, and to make the following details worthy of their patronage, I have traced them with a determination to be accurate throughout. Doubtless it will be found as has been already discovered in previous publications upon the same subject, that in a family distributed throughout Europe, Asia, and America, wherever freedom of conscience and beneficent civilization is predominant, many retired individuals will have escaped notice ; and in order to enable such of them as are desirous of being numbered with the rest in my future repetition of this my first effort, I have given to each family reservation blank pages at the conclusion of its letter-press matter, to fill up by their manuscript additions, whatever is deficient in the present text. I invite all such to aid me in any further edition.

And I present to them as a security on my part, deserving of their confidence, the correctness of this compilation.

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NEW YORK, *July 4*, 1858.



Genealogy.

THE patronymic of our family is of great antiquity, having originated with the Latins. Several members of the family of Lawrence have held and still hold responsible and distinguished stations, as well in the Church and civil service, as in the Army and Navy of the British empire; and many branches, also, have intermarried with the clergy and nobility.

The first ancestors of this family, of which we have any knowledge, was SIR ROBERT LAWRENCE, of Ashton Hall, in Lancastershire, England. It may perhaps be interesting to this family to know that there is a marriage between a grandson of this gentleman and the Washington family. Sir James Lawrence and Matilda Washington, in the reign of Henry III. Lawrence Washington purchased the property at Mount Vernon about 1743, after his return from the expedition to Carthagera, where he had served under the celebrated Admiral Vernon, and in honor of whom he named his country seat. General Washington inherited Mount Vernon from his half-brother, Lawrence Washington, with whom he was a favorite. Lawrence Washington died at the early age of 34 years, and was interred in the old vault on his estate. Sir Robert Lawrence accompanied Richard Coeur de Leon in his famous expedition to Palestine, where he signalized himself in the memorable siege of St. Jean d' Acre, in 1119, by being the first to plant the banner of the cross on the battle-

ments of that town, for which he received the honors of knighthood from King Richard, and also a coat of arms (this coat of arms is still preserved, impressed on the seal appended to a document of William Lawrence, 1680, and also Richard Lawrence, 1711, preserved in the Surrogate's Office, New York City,) at the same time. After this the family became eminent in England, so much so, that Sir John Lawrence, the ninth in lineal descent from the above Sir Robert Lawrence, possessed thirty-four manors, the revenue of which amounted, in 1491, to £6,000 sterling *per annum*. Having, however, killed a gentleman-usher of King Henry VII., he was outlawed, and died an exile in France, issueless, when Ashton Hall and his other estates passed, by royal decree, to his relatives, Lord Monteagle and Gerard.

Henry Lawrence, one of the patentees of land on the Connecticut river, granted in 1635, and who, with Lords Say, Seal, and Brooke, Sir Arthur Hasselrigg, Richard Saltonstall, George Fenwick, and Henry Darley, commissioned John Winthrop, Jr., as governor over this territory, with the following instructions: "To provide able men for making fortifications and building houses at the mouth of the Connecticut river, and the harbor adjoining; first, for their own present accommodation, and then such houses as may receive men of quality, which latter houses we would have to be builded within the fort." This was the same expedition in which Lion Gardiner was appointed chief engineer. The above individuals intended to accompany *John Winthrop, Jr.*, to America, but were prevented by a decree of Charles I.

The above Henry Lawrence was of some considerable distinction in England during Cromwell's time. He

was born in the year 1600, entered a fellow-commoner at Emanuel College, Cambridge, 1622, retired to Holland to escape the persecution of bishops and their courts; was member of parliament for Westmoreland in 1641, but withdrew when the life of the king began to be in jeopardy from the independents. In a curious old pamphlet printed in the year 1660, entitled, "The mystery of the good old cause is briefly unfolded in a catalogue of the members of the late Long Parliament that held office, both civil and military, contrary to the self-denying ordinance," is the following passage: "Henry Lawrence, a member of the Long Parliament, fell off at the murder of his majesty, for which the Protector, with great zeal, declared that a neutral spirit was more to be abhorred than a cavalier spirit, and that such men as he were not fit to be used in such a day as that, when God was cutting down kingship root and branch." Yet he came into play again, and contributed much to the setting up of the Protector, for which worthy service he was made and continued Lord President of the Protector's Council, being also one of the Lords of the other House. In 1646, he published, at Amsterdam, his book, entitled, "Book of our Communion and Warre with Angels," and a "Treatise on Baptism," the same year. He married Amy, daughter of Sir Edward Peyton, Bart., of Iselham, in Cambridgeshire. He leased his estates at St. Ives, from the year 1631 to 1636, to Oliver Cromwell, to whom he was second cousin. He was twice returned as member of parliament for Hertfordshire, in 1653 and 1654; and once for Colchester borough in Essex, in 1656; his son Henry representing Caernarvonshire the same year. He was President of the Council in 1656, and gazetted as "lord of the other house" in December, 1657. He proclaimed, after the

death of Cromwell, his son Richard as his successor. In a Harlaem manuscript, No. 1460, there is a drawing of all the ensigns and trophies won in battle by Oliver, which is dedicated to his councillors, and ornamented with their arms; amongst these are those of Henry Lawrence, the Lord President. The motto "*Nil Admirari*," appears to have been assumed by the president during the revolutionary troubles, probably on his being made a councillor. A picture of the president is inserted in Clarendon's history of the rebellion. His gravestone, not yet effaced, is in the chapel of St. Margaret's, *alias* Thele, in Hertfordshire. There may be clearly traced on it the arms, viz.: a cross, *raguly gules*, the crest, a fish's tail or demidolphin. A letter directed by him to Sir Simon d'Ewes, is sealed with a small red seal, cross *raguly gules*, the same crest, and a *Lion in the Chief*, as borne by the St. Ives family.

While the Dutch were prosecuting their settlements on Long Island and in New York, the English settlers slowly infused themselves among the Dutch population of the island; among which were three brothers, John, William, and Thomas Lawrence, ancestors of a numerous and enterprising family in this country. These three brothers, as well as the above Henry Lawrence, were all descended from John Lawrence, who died in 1538, and was buried in the Abbey of Ramsay. In corroboration of the relationship between Henry Lawrence and the above named brothers, we find on the seals appended to their wills, now on file at New York, and on old plate still possessed by their descendants, the same *crest* and *arms* as those upon the tomb of the lord president.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN LAWRENCE.

1 **John Lawrence**, the eldest of the three brothers mentioned above, who emigrated to this country, was born at Great St. Alban's, Hertfordshire, England, in 1618, coming over in the ship *Planter*, Nicholas Travis, master, in company with Gov. Winthrop, Jr., and landing at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1635. He removed from thence to Ipswich, where, after residing some time, he removed to Long Island. He became, in 1644, one of the patentees of Hempstead, on that island, under grant from the Dutch governor, Kieft. He, together with his brother William, and sixteen others, in the following year, obtained the patent of Flushing from the same governor, and were also among those to whom the confirmatory patent was issued by Governor Nicoll, in February 16, 1666, to wit: John Lawrence, alderman of the city of New York; Richard Cornhill, justice of the peace; Charles Bridges, William Lawrence, Robert Terry, William Noble, John Ffovbush, Elias Doughty, Robert Ffield, Edmund Ffarington, John Maston, Anthony Ffield, Philip Udall, Thomas Styles, Benjamin Ffield, William Pidgeon, John Adams, John Hinckman, Nicolas Parcell, Tobias Ffeeks, and John Bowne, patentees for, and in behalf of themselves and their associates, the freeholders, inhabitants of the town of Flushing, their heirs, successors and assigns, for ever, all that certain town in the North Riding of Yorkshire, upon Long Island, called by the name of *Flushing*, situate, lying and being on the north side of the said island; which said town

hath a certain tract of land belonging thereto, and bounded westward, beginning at the mouth of a creek, and from thence including a certain neck of land called *Tew's Neck*, to run eastward as far as Matthew Garrison's Bay, from the head or middle whereof a line is to be run south-east, in length about three miles, and about two miles in breadth, as the land hath been surveyed and laid out by virtue of an order made at the general meeting held at Hempstead, in the month of March, 1665 ; and that there be the same latitude in breadth on the south side as on the north, to run in two direct lines southward, to the middle of the hills, to the bounds between the said towns of Flushing and Jamaica." Removing, in 1658, from Long Island, he settled permanently at New Amsterdam. In 1663, we find him appointed by Governor Stuyvesant, one of the commissioners to treat with the General Court at Hartford, in relation to the boundaries between New England and the Dutch provinces. He was appointed, in 1665, one of the first aldermen of New York, on its incorporation under Nicolls, the first English governor after the conquest. He was also appointed, in 1672, mayor of the city of New York, and in 1674, one of his Majesty's Council, in which office he continued, by successive appointments, till 1698. He was again appointed mayor in 1691, and in 1692 judge of the Supreme Court, in which office he remained till his death in 1699. By his wife Susanna, who survived him, he had issue :

2 *First, Joseph*, who died a widower, leaving a daughter, who died young.

2 *Second, John*, who married Sarah, widow of Thomas Willett, first mayor of New York, by whom he had no issue.

2 *Third, Thomas*, died unmarried.

2 *Fourth, Susanna*, who married Gabriel Minvielle, one of the council of the province, and mayor of New York, and, after his death, William Smith, one of the aldermen of New York. She survived both husbands, and had no issue.

2 *Fifth, Martha*, who married Thomas Snawsell, one of the aldermen of New York, and died without issue.

2 *Sixth, Mary*, married William Whittinghame, a graduate of Harvard University, in 1660 (for account of whose ancestry see collections of Historical Society of Massachusetts).

3 MARY, a daughter by this marriage, distinguished by her literary acquirements, and the gifts she bestowed upon Harvard and Yale Colleges, became the wife of Gorden Saltonstall, governor of Connecticut, and died 1730.—See notice of her in *Knap's Female Biography*, p. 453.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

1 **William Lawrence**, the second brother, was born at Great St. Alban's, Hertfordshire, England, in 1623. He embarked, together with his brother John, in the ship *Planter*, in 1635, for America. He was, in 1645, in the 22d year of his age, associated with him as one of the patentees of Flushing, on Long Island, in which town he resided during the remainder of his life. His correspondence, during the years 1642-3, with Gov. Stuyvesant, may be found among the archives at Albany, are ably written, evincing his

energy and decision of character, and are evidently the production of a man of superior mind and liberal education. He was the largest landed proprietor at Flushing. He resided upon Lawrence's or Tew's Neck (so called), of which he was the owner, and seemed to have been a gentleman of affluence, his sword, plate and personals alone being valued at £4,430, sterling (see inventory of his estate, on file in the Surrogate's office, city of New York, recorded in 1680, in Liber No. 22, page 24.) He was a magistrate under the Dutch government at Flushing, in 1655, and also held, under the English government, a military commission. He was also in the magistracy of the North Riding of Yorkshire, on Long Island. He was twice married. By his first wife he left issue :

2 *First*, **William**, who, in 1680, married Deborah, daughter of Richard Smith, Patentee of Smitttown on Long Island. She was the youngest sister of Elizabeth, her husband's father's second wife, and had issue :

3 *First*, **WILLIAM**, who died before his father, and without issue.

3 *Second*, **RICHARD**, who married Alice —, April 26th, 1716 ; had issue one son,

4 **WILLIAM**, born December 13th, 1719 ; married Margaret Tilton, May 5th, 1748. Their children are,

5 **ALICE**, born Dec. 12th, 1756.

5 **HELEN**, born October 10th, 1757.

5 **ELIZABETH**, born October 1st, 1761.

5 **DANIEL**, born August 20th, 1750.

5 **WILLIAM**, born in 1752.

5 **RICHARD**, born August 20th, 1759 ; settled in Canada West.

5 **ELISHA**, born April 10th, 1764.

5 **JACOB**, born March 18th, 1767.

5 JOHN, born April 10th, 1734 ; married Mary Herean, May 4th, 1783. Their children are,

6 WILLIAM, PETER, ELISHA, JAMES, CHARLES, MARGARET, SARAH, CATHARINE.

3 *Third*, OBEDIAH, who married Sarah. He died in 1732. Their children are,

4 DEBORAH, who married Jonathan Willett.

4 MARY, died unmarried.

4 SARAH, who married Joseph Bowne, in 1735.

4 SAMUEL, Jordan.

4 OBEDIAH, who married and left issue :

5 NATHANIEL, who removed to Columbia County.

4 WILLIAM, M. D., removed to Oyster Bay, Long Island ; married Zipporah ——. Their children are,

5 ELIZABETH, married — Seaman.

5 DEBORAH, married Jacob Mott.

5 MARY, married Richard Laurence.

5 JORDAN.

5 WILLIAM, M. D., married Phebe ——. Their children are,

6 SARAH, married Samuel Drake.

6 ZIPPORAH, who married Edward Laurence.

3 *Fourth*, DANIEL, who died 1757, married Mary, daughter of Abraham Redwood, first of Antigua, afterwards of Newport, R. I. She died in 1763. Their children are :

4 MARY, who married James Thorne.

4 MEHITABLE, who married Ralph Hilton.

4 LANGFORD.

4 ABRAHAM, who married Mary Smith, and had issue :

5 ELIZABETH, who married Captain Daniel H. Braine ; had issue :

6 ABRAHAM L., born in 1782 ; married Agnes Dean Hamilton in 1811, and had issue :

7 DANIEL LAWRENCE BRAINE, born in 1829, and is now lieutenant in the United States Navy. In 1855 married Mary E. Fulton. Had issue one child.

5 NANCY, who married John Quick, and had issue :

6 MARY ANN, born in 1792 ; married, in 1811, Louis Pinlard Coutant. Their children are :

7 JOHN L., born in 1812.

7 DAVID H., born January 14th, 1814.

7 JAMES E., born October 16th, 1816.

7 HARRIET E., born September 18th, 1818.

7 MARIA D., born July 6th, 1825.

7 LAWRENCE B., born October 15th, 1827.

7 FRANK J., born November 22nd, 1829.

3 *Fifth*, SAMUEL, who married Mary Hicks, and settled at Black Stump, Long Island. Their children are :

4 DEBORAH, born September 1st, 1717 ; married ——— Doughty.

4 SAMUEL, born March 17th, 1721. Died without issue.

4 ELIZABETH, born February 10th, 1729 ; married Samuel Willett.

4 MARY, born March 17th, 1731 ; married ——— Waters.

4 MARGARET, born November 28th, 1733 ; married Joseph Thomas.

4 WILLIAM, born July 22nd, 1735. Lost at sea. No children.

4 ABIGAIL, born March 14th, 1737.

4 AUGUSTINE, married Johannes Van Zandt. He died in 1794.

4 THOMAS, born July 31st, 1724 ; married Mary Willett. He died November 4th, 1795.

3 *Sixth*, JOSHUA, died abroad, unmarried.

3 *Seventh*, ADAM LAWRENCE was a member of the State Legislature and High Sheriff of Queens County. He died in 1780, and left issue :

4 DEBORAH, who married S. Van Wyck.

4 SARAH, married James Hewlett.

4 CATHARINE, married —— Platt.

4 DANIEL, M.D.

4 STEPHEN, JOSEPH, CLARK.

4 GEORGE, married and left issue :

4 ELIZABETH, DEBORAH, PHILIP.

3 *Eighth*, DEBORAH.

3 *Ninth*, SARAH, married Joseph Rodman.

3 *Tenth*, STEPHEN, who, in 1734, married Amy, daughter of Samuel Bowne. He died in 1781. Their children are :

4 DEBORAH, born in 1739.

4 ROBERT, married Mary Lawrence ; no issue.

4 SOMERSET, born in 1736.

4 LAUNCELOT, born in 1737.

4 LEONARD, who married Margaret Doughty.

3 *Eleventh*, ELIZABETH, married John Willett.

3 *Twelfth*, CALEB, who died in the West Indies, unmarried, 1723.

2 *John Lawrence*, second son of first William, by his first wife, died in 1714, and by his first wife, Elizabeth, left issue :

3 *First*, RICHARD, who married and had issue :

4 WILLIAM, who, in 1741, married Charity Cornell. Their children are :

5 CATHARINE, born May 11th, 1742.

5 VIOLETTA, born February 15th, 1743.

5 WILLIAM, born January 16th, 1745.

5 RICHARD, born January 6, 1752.

5 DANIEL, born January 8th, 1755.

5 OLIVER, born November 4, 1757.

5 CHARLES, born February 1st, 1748, married, and left issue,

6 OLIVER, who died without issue.

6 MARY SMITH, who, in 1771, married Whitehead ——. Their children are :

7 REBECCA, MARIA, HANNAH, SARAH, SUSAN, ELIZABETH, CATILARINE, JANE, CHARLES, WHITEHEAD, OLIVER, DANIEL.

3 *Second*, ELIZABETH, who married ——— Ford.

3 *Third*, MARY, who married ——— Briggs.

3 *Fourth*, DEBORAH.

3 *Fifth*, SARAH.

3 *Sixth*, CHARITY.

3 *Seventh*, BENJAMIN.

3 *Eighth*, WILLIAM, who married and left issue :

4 JACOB, who married Martha ———. He died March 11th, 1771, leaving issue :

5 JACOB, born March 15th, 1771 ; married Martha Abrams. Their children are :

6 JACOB, JOHN, HANNAH, SYLVANUS, DAVID, THIMOTHY, RICHARD, ABRAHAM, SURLINE, MARTHA and MARY.

1 **William Lawrence**, in 1664, married Elizabeth Smith, (see Appendix A,) his second wife, daughter of Richard Smith, Esq., the wealthy patentee of Smithtown, on Long Island. By this marriage he had seven children, (see Appendix B.)

2 *First*. MARY, married 1st, ——— Emmott. 2d. Rev. Edward Vaughan.

2 *Second*. THOMAS, who, in 1692, married Mary Ferguson, of Queens County.

2 *Third*. JOSEPH, who, in 1690, married Mary Townley.

2 *Fourth*. RICHARD, who, in 1669, married Charity,

daughter of Thomas Clark, of Brookhaven, Gent., by whom he had issue :

3 CHARITY, who married — Dayton, had issue :

4 RICHARD, born in 1706.

2 *Fifth.* SAMUEL.

2 *Sixth.* SARAH, married James Tillett.

2 *Seventh.* JAMES.

✓1 William Lawrence, died in 1680, (see Appendix B.) and the following year his widow, Elizabeth, (see Appendix H.) married Sir Philip Carterett, Governor of New Jersey, to which province she removed, and brought up her seven young children by her first husband (see Appendix C). Being a woman of more than ordinary endowments and strength of mind, she was entrusted with the affairs of the colony during the absence of her husband in Europe, and in the title to some of the acts of that period, it is stated that they were ~~“Passed under the administration of Lady Elizabeth Carterett.”~~ Sir Philip founded Elizabethtown, in New Jersey, giving to it her name.

Before her marriage to Sir Philip, she reserved to herself, by an instrument in writing, (see Appendix N.) the right of disposing of the lands conveyed to her by her first husband, William Lawrence, among such of her children by him as she should select ; the one selected by her was her eldest son, Joseph, to whom she conveyed an extensive tract, situated upon Little Neck Bay, in the township of Flushing. Sir Philip died in 1682, leaving the whole of his estate, situate in the Province of East New Jersey, to his widow, Elizabeth, and her heirs forever, appointing the said Elizabeth his sole executrix (see Appendix I. and K). His widow, afterwards, married Col. Richard Townley, (see Appendix L.) the eighth son of Nicholas Townley, of Littleton,



about twelve miles from London. The said Col. Richard came over in the suite of Lord Effingham Howard, Governor of Virginia, in the year 1683, and settled in Elizabethtown. Col. Richard was one of the privy council of Deputy Governor Neil Campbell, in 1686.

✓ 2 **Joseph Lawrence**, eldest son (see Appendix E.) of the first William Lawrence and Elizabeth Smith, his second wife, afterwards Lady Cartarett, married Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Townley, son of Charles Townley, who fell at Marston Moor. At the restoration, he was under the necessity of selling a very valuable estate at Necton, near Leicester, in consequence of losses sustained by sequestration. His daughter, Dorothy, the youngest sister of Mary, married Francis Howard, of Corby, afterwards Baron Howard, of Effingham, and who, on the 8th of December, 1731, was created first Earl of Effingham. He died 1743. The aforesaid Joseph Lawrence was intimate with the above named Lord Effingham, who had married his wife's sister, and who commanded a British frigate, at that time anchored in the offing, opposite his mansion, which he frequently visited. His grandson was named in compliment to this earl (see Holgate's Genealogy of Distinguished Families). He died about 1758. The children of the above named Joseph Lawrence and Mary Townley were

✓ 3 *First*. **RICHARD**, born in 1691; married 6th of second month, 1717, Hannah Bowne, (see Appendix Q.) daughter of Samuel Bowne, a minister among the Friends, and was married to Mary Becket, at the meeting-house, at the Falls of the Delaware, August 4th, 1691. She was an English lady, and came over with William Penn, in 1682. He was the son of John Bowne, who, in 1661, erected a dwelling in the eastern part of the village of Flushing. This dwelling is beautifully located in said



village, and is still standing in a perfect state of preservation, after the lapse of one hundred and ninety-seven years, being doubtless a very superior building in its day. In this house George Fox was entertained on his visit to Flushing, in 1672, but not being sufficiently large to accommodate all who attended upon his preaching, his hearers assembled under the widely-extended shade of two venerable and majestic oaks near by, one of which is still standing, and can hardly be less than 400 years old ; the other was blown down by a violent gale, September 25, 1841. To a stranger this conveys no higher occasion for regret than the removal of a noble tree by the operation of the inevitable laws of nature : but to those who have passed many a happy hour of childhood in gathering the acorns which fell from it, and have made it the scene of their youthful sports, it seems like the removal of a venerated relative—as if one of the few visible links, which in this utilitarian age connect us with the past, was severed.

To the members of the Society of Friends, these trees possessed an historical interest, from the circumstance that beneath them, about the year 1672, the dauntless founder of their sect, with that power and eloquence of truth which drew to his standard Penn and Barclay, and a host of men like them, preached the gospel of redemption to a mixed assemblage, among which might be seen many a son of that swarthy family whose wrongs and sufferings elicit to this day the active efforts of his followers on their behalf. Some eighty years since, these honored trees were threatened with demolition by the owner of the adjacent property, but for the sake of the venerable past were purchased by John Bowne, a lineal descendant of the old worthy of the same name, who listened to the preaching of Fox and embraced his

doctrines, for which he was afterwards sent to Holland in irons, by Governor Stuyvesant, where he was honorably liberated by the Dutch government, and a severe reprimand administered to Stuyvesant. And as above stated, the time-honored mansion in which he entertained Fox, and accommodated the regular meetings of the society for many years, is still standing near, and in good repair.

Soon after the event of the gale on the 25th of Sept., 1841, which prostrated to the ground one of the above-named venerable oaks, the following poetical production appeared in the newspapers :

THE FLUSHING OAK.

THE ancient Oak lies prostrate now,
Its limbs embrace the sod,
Where, in the Spirit's strength and might
Our pious fathers trod ;
Where underneath its spreading arms,
And by its shadows broad,
Clad in simplicity and truth,
They met to worship God.

No stately pillars round them rose,
No dome was reared on high—
The Oaks, their only columns were,
Their roof, the arching sky.
No organ's deep-toned notes arose,
Or vocal songs were heard—
Their music, was the passing wind,
Or song of forest bird.

And as His Spirit reached their hearts
By man's lips speaking now,
A holy fire was in their eye,
Pure thought upon their brow :

And while in silence deep and still,
Their souls all glowing were
With heartfelt peace and joy and love,
They felt that God was there.

Those free and simple-minded men
Have now all passed away,
And of the scenes in which they moved,
These only relics lay ;
And soon the last surviving oak,
In its majestic pride,
Will gather up its failing limbs,
And wither at its side.

Then guard with care its last remains,
Now that its race is run ;
No sacrilegious hand should touch
The forest's noblest son ;
And when the question may be asked,
Why that old trunk is there—
" 'Tis but the place in olden time,
God's holiest altars were."

John Bowne, above named, left England in 1649, and arrived at Boston the same year. His first visit to Flushing, was on the 15th of June, 1651, in company with his brother-in-law, Edward Farrington. He married Hannah, daughter of Robert Field, at Flushing, May 7th, 1656, and in 1661 built the house there, which we have just above noticed, and which has been occupied constantly by some one of his descendants. His wife became intimate with some of the people called Quakers, who at that period, were obliged from necessity, to hold their meetings privately in the woods, and other remote places. She became attached to the society, and was received as a member amongst them. Her husband, mostly from motives of curiosity, attended their meetings, and was so powerfully struck with the

beauty and simplicity of their worship, that he invited them to his house, soon after which he also became a member of their society ; “ not merely (as he observes,) from kindness and affection to his wife, but his judgment also was convinced of the principles they held forth ;” for a little time his faith was put to the test, and he had to partake, in a large degree, of the sufferings to which others of his faith and profession were exposed ; and his persecutions, imprisonment, banishment, and severe privations for the truth’s sake, and the testimony of a good conscience, were such as most persons would shrink from, in this our day of ease and quiet enjoyment.

The said John Bowne, had a severe sentence passed against him, on the 14th of Sept., 1662, and the governor finally proceeded to such extremities, that the said Bowne was actually transported to Europe, to be tried for heresy, and his disregard of the orders and placards of the governor and council. He was patiently heard before a committee of the *West India Company* ; who, finding him a discreet man and steadfast in his religion, set him at liberty—with the following severe reprimand in the form of an epistle, directed to Governor Stuyvesant :

“ AMSTERDAM, April 6, 1663.

“ SIR :—We perceive from your last letter, that you had exiled and transported hither a certain Quaker, named John Bowne. Although it is our anxious desire that similar and other sectarians may not be found among you, yet we *doubt* extremely the policy of adopting rigorous measures against them. In the youth of your existence, you ought rather to encourage than check the population of the colony.

“ The *consciences* of men ought to be *free* and *un-*

shackled so long as they continue moderate, peaceable, inoffensive, and not hostile to the government. Such have been the maxims of prudence and toleration by which the magistrates of this city (Amsterdam) have been governed; and the consequences have been, that the *oppressed* and *persecuted* from every country, have found among us an *asylum* from distress. *Follow in the same steps, and you will be blessed."*

Mr. Bowne remained several years abroad, visiting many parts of Europe, and returned to America in the spring of 1665, his wife having died in London in the month of February preceding, and his father, Thomas Bowne, also, during his absence.

He of course found the country in the possession of the English, but calling upon the puissant Stuyvesant, now a private citizen, he expressed his regret for having used so much severity toward him and his fellow Quakers, whom he frankly admitted to be among the most valuable citizens.

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The case of Mr. Bowne is only one, among many, on the records of the Quaker persecution; the names of John, Henry and Richard Townsend, are necessarily mentioned in connection with the history of those disgraceful transactions. They were among the first inhabitants of Flushing, Long Island, and owners of land there, as well as patentees of the town.

The intelligence and firmness which they uniformly exhibited, in whatever related to the interest of their fellow citizens, justly endeared them to the people, and gave them a distinction and influence which alarmed the powers of New Amsterdam, who of course, did not view with indifference anything like opposition to their measures. John and Henry were particularly distinguished for their love of religious liberty, and cherished with great veneration the principles of the Quakers.

To these it is well known, the Dutch government, equally with Puritans of Boston and Plymouth, were opposed, and resolute to prevent the spread of such "*damnable heresy*;" and to crush, in embryo, that "*abominable sect called Quakers*," the most despotic decrees were passed by the governor and council, making it not only unlawful to countenance the Quakers, but the offenders also liable to fine, scourging, and imprisonment, nay, even ear-cropping, branding upon the forehead, and banishment to the West Indies as slaves.

This odious system of church and state policy, few had the moral courage to resist, but these three brothers Townsend, had sufficient resolution and firmness, not only to disregard, but on many occasions, openly to denounce, as they deserved, the arbitrary edicts of this colonial hierarchy a fit representative of the star chamber.

The position which they occupied among their friends and compeers, only served to enhance the malevolence of those in power, to make them objects of special persecution; and they were accordingly, not only threatened with the displeasure of the government, but subjected also to the most humiliating insult, fine and imprisonment. All which served but to prove the falsity of those principles in religion, that required to be maintained by force, and their inconsistency with that system, which breathes peace on earth and good will to man.

The alternative of exile or incarceration, was alone presented, and duty to themselves and families, led them to elect the former. The three Townsends, therefore, sought and found a temporary asylum at Providence, where they shared the sympathy of those, who

like themselves, had been driven by persecution from Boston and Plymouth ; and here among savages experienced a kindness, which even their civilized and Christian brethren of those colonies, denied them.

The brothers, it seems, took up their residence at Warwick, where they were not only treated with much respect, but were honored with offices of trust.

Being largely interested in the purchase of Flushing, and hoping that a different feeling now existed among those in authority, the three Townsends ventured to return with their families to Long Island, in 1656, and were included in the patent obtained that year for Jamaica, where they now took up their residence ; but in a short time began to experience a renewal of the same vindictiveness on the part of government ; and some of their English countrymen, their associates in the purchase, who instead of cherishing them for their virtues, meanly turned spies and informers, and finally drove them from that place.

John and Henry, removed to Oyster Bay, as being out of the Dutch jurisdiction, and Richard retired once more to Rhode Island, in 1658, and established himself at Pawtuxet. In 1667, he joined his brothers John and Henry, at Oyster Bay. Henry became identified with the proprietors of that town in 1661, and in that year received a grant from the inhabitants and proprietors of the town, for land on the stream, called Mill River, on which he afterwards erected a mill, which with the valuable property attached thereto, has remained in his descendants ever since.

Samuel Townsend, fifth eldest son in a direct line from the first John Townsend, removed to the village of Oyster Bay, and purchased and improved the family mansion, which is now standing, and still owned by his descendants.

The depth of the water, and excellence of the harbor, were doubtless the principal inducements with the *Sandwich* adventurers to plant themselves on its border, and a ketch was built here as early as 1671. Several brigs and smaller vessels, built here by the said Samuel Townsend, were engaged in the European and West India trade, and the place soon rose into commercial importance.

The business was gradually extended and vigorously prosecuted till 1775, when the Revolutionary troubles caused its entire suspension, to the no small sacrifice of those engaged in it.

With the exception of his son Solomon, then in Europe, and his sons Samuel and Robert, merchants of New York, all Mr. Townsend's children were in their minority, and he was only enabled to continue his mercantile business at Oyster Bay to a limited extent. One of his vessels, built at Oyster Bay, a brig, and called the *Audrey*, after his eldest daughter, was commanded by Effingham Lawrence, who became subsequently an eminent London merchant. The *Sarah*, another brig, was built for, and commanded by, his eldest son Solomon. Joseph Lawrence, brother of said Effingham, and who married Phebe, daughter of the fourth Henry Townsend, also commanded, at different times, several of Mr. Townsend's vessels.

The above named brothers, Effingham and Joseph, were sons of Richard Lawrence, before mentioned, who also became a member of the Society of Friends, and as hereinbefore mentioned, married Hannah Bowne, and had issue :

4 *First*. MARY, born in 1718, unmarried. (See Appendix G.)

4 *Second*. ELIZABETH, born in 1719, and it is to be

presumed, as her name does not appear in the will of the said Richard Lawrence, she died unmarried. (See Appendix G.)

4 *Third*. CALEB, born in 1723, married Sarah, daughter of James Burling, and had issue.

5 RICHARD, married Mary, daughter of Dr. William Lawrence, and had issue :

6 WILLIAM, married Jane, daughter of John Hutchinson.

6 CALEB, died in 1847, unmarried.

6 MARY ANN, married Alexander Colden.

6 SARAH, married Richard De Zeng.

6 ELIZABETH.

6 JANE EMMA, married Charles McCully.

6 RICHARD, married in 1788 Sarah M., daughter of Frederic A. De Zeng, who married Mary, daughter of Caleb Lawrence, and had issue :

7 MARY, and HENRY C., the last born in 1822.

7 EMMA, married William S. Malcolm.

7 EVESTINE, GEORGE and ELIZA.

5 ELIZABETH, died unmarried.

5 SARAH, married Caleb Newbold.

5 CHARLOTTE, died unmarried.

5 HANNAH, died unmarried.

5 MARY, married Major Frederic A. De Zeng, a Hessian officer, who came over with a British force during the revolution, but throwing up his commission, he married and settled in this country, leaving descendants.

5 ESTHER, married Captain John Clark.

4 *Fourth*. HANNAH, born in 1726, and is presumed died unmarried, as her name does not appear in the said Richard Lawrence's will. (See Appendix G.)

Perhaps it will not be amiss to remark that, in Holgate's Genealogy of Distinguished Families, page 209,

Mary, Hannah and Elizabeth, daughters of Richard Lawrence and Hannah Bowne, married as follows :

4 MARY, married E. Burling.

4 HANNAH, married Abraham Willett.

4 ELIZABETH, married John Embrie, and it is said, had issue :

5 *First*. LAWRENCE, died without issue.

5 *Second*. GEORGE, married Abigail Bowne, and had issue, one child.

6 SARAH, who married Andrew Cock, and had issue :

7 *First*. EFFINGHAM ; *second*, William ; *third*, George.

5 *Third*. EFFINGHAM Embrie.

5 *Fourth*. ELIZABETH, married ——— Cornell.

4 LYDIA LAWRENCE, the fourth daughter and fifth child of Richard, who was the eldest son of Joseph, who was the eldest son of the first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, was born 29th July, 1728 ; married, in 1745, Stephanas Hunt, of Westchester, a highly respected and wealthy farmer for the time in which he lived. (See Appendix M.) This family are presumed to spring from one of the younger sons of Thomas Hunt, of Shrewsbury, county of Salop, England, son of Richard Hunt, Bailiff of Shrewsbury, in 1613. Thomas was high sheriff of Shropshire, in 1656, and colonel in the parliament service. He died A.D. 1669.

Thomas Hunt, of Rye, removed to Westchester, where he purchased the *Grove Farm*, which was patented to him by Governor Nicoll, 4th December, 1667. His will was dated 6th October, 1694.—Rec. Wills, No. V, 99. The said Stephanas is a descendant, in a direct line, from the first Thomas Hunt. There was an intimacy between him and his brother-in-law, Effingham Lawrence (see Appendix S). After the removal of the said Effingham

Lawrence to London, he was in the yearly practice of sending choice fruit from his farm, which practice, after his death, was kept up by his youngest surviving son, Lott. His marriage with the said Lydia Lawrence, sister of the above named Effingham Lawrence, was consummated at the Friends' meeting-house at Flushing (see Appendix R). Their children were :

5 *First*. JOSEPH, born December 6, 1746 ; married Martha Curser, and had issue :

6 TOBITHA, married William Thompson.

6 STEPHANAS.

6 GULIELMO, died in infancy.

6 LYDIA, married William Brinnin.

6 MARY, married William I. Wood.

6 JOSEPH, married Catharine Snider.

6 PHEBE, married William McLaughlin.

6 ANNA, married James McKinney.

6 ELIZABETH, married John Niffy.

6 HANNAH, married Benjamin McKinney.

5 *Second*, HANNAH, born March 18, 1749, died young.

5 *Third*, JOSIAH HUNT, son of Stephanas Hunt and Lydia Lawrence, daughter of the above-named Richard Lawrence, who was the son of Joseph, who was the eldest son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before-mentioned ; was born July 25, 1751, married Elizabeth Palmer. He died March 30, 1829. Their children are :

6 *First*, RACHEL, born February 3, 1783, married Thomas Tate, and had issue :

7 REBECCA, married Charles Maitlandt.

7 CHARLOTTE, married William News.

6 *Second*, GULIELMO, born May 20, 1784, married Samuel Tate, and had issue :

7 BETSY ANN, married John Steinson.

- 7 REBECCA HICKS, unmarried.
- 7 JOSIAH H., married Lydia Ann Jewel.
- 7 DAVID SANDS, married Catharine Henry.
- 7 JAMES AUGUSTUS, died young.
- 7 EUPHEMIA ADELIN, married James Elison Foster.
- 7 MARGARET M., died young.
- 7 MARIA ELMA, married Edmund C. Murden.
- 7 HANNAH HUNT, married Talbot Murden.
- 7 WILLIAM SAMUEL, unmarried.
- 7 EDMUND RICHARD, married Mary Clark.
- 7 RACHEL LEAH, married De Witt Clinton Cypher.
- 7 ALFRED DAY, unmarried.

6 *Third*, LYDIA, born March 25, 1786, married Jacob Weeks. Their children are :

7 ANNA, CHARLES, SARAH, HANNAH, MARIA, ELIZA, AARON, JOHN, and REBECCA.

6 *Fourth*, CHARLOTTE, born February 4, 1788, married William Sutton. Their children are :

- 7 LYDIA, married John Cary.
- 7 ELIZA, died young.
- 7 HANNAH B., married David Lyon.
- 7 PHEBE M., married James Sutton.
- 7 JOSEPH L., married Mary Sutton.
- 7 MARIA F., married Edward Seman.
- 7 ALFRED A., married Phebe Carpenter.
- 7 MATILDA H., married Charles Skinner.
- 7 ABY JANE, married Thomas Thorn.
- 7 REBECCA E., married Isaac Carpenter.
- 7 SARAH ADELIA M., unmarried.

6 STEPHANAS HUNT, the first son and fifth child of Josiah Hunt and Elizabeth Palmer, was born January 19, 1790, married Phebe, daughter of David Dickinson. Their children are :

7 JOSIAH DICKINSON, married Harriet E. Lewis, had issue, one child, Susan Amelia.

7 JOHN WOOLMAN, married Emily Tompkins.

7 DANIEL, married Elizabeth Hiliker.

7 ELIAS HICKS, married *first*, Mary Jane, daughter of John Geotchieus, and had issue, one child, Adelia ; *Secondly*, Hannah Odel.

7 SUSANNAH, died in infancy.

7 CATHARINE, married David Wiley Traviss.

6 *Sixth*, EUPHEMIA, born June 7, 1792, married Isaiah Travis, and had issue :

7 SARAH ANN, married John Y. Hull.

7 NEHEMIAH HULL, died in California ; unmarried.

7 JOSIAH, ELIZABETH, ELIAS, and PHEBE JANE.

6 *Seventh*, HANNAH, born July 20, 1794, unmarried.

6 *Eighth*, LEWIS P., born March 15, 1797, married Charlotte Weeks, and had issue :

7 BENJAMIN, married Mary Quinby.

7 EDMUND, unmarried.

7 HANNAH, unmarried.

7 ELIZABETH, married Charles Wright.

7 JAMES, unmarried.

7 SARAH, married Elias H. Field.

7 PHEBE.

6 *Ninth*, EDMUND L., born September 19, 1799, died July 2, 1831, unmarried.

6 *Tenth*, PHILENIA, born February 8, 1802, married Peter Lewis De St. Croix, and had issue :

7 JAMES, ELIZABETH, ANNA, HENRY and PHILIP.

5 GULIELMO, the second daughter and fourth child of the said Stephanas Hunt and Lydia Lawrence, was born September 19, 1753, died young.

5 GEORGE, the third son and fifth child of the said Stephanas Hunt and Lydia Lawrence, was born November 24, 1755, died young.

5 STEPHANAS, the fourth son and sixth child of the

said Stephanas Hunt and Lydia Lawrence, was born January 21, 1758, died unmarried.

5 Lydia, the third daughter and seventh child of the said Stephanas Hunt and Lydia Lawrence, was born April 4, 1760, married Briaht Hartshorn, and had issue :

6 *First*, JOSEPH.

6 *Second*, David, married Sarah, daughter of David, who was the son of Captain Jonathan Lawrence.

6 *Third*, GULIELMO, died unmarried.

6 *Fourth*, LUCY, married ——— Lawrence.

6 *Fifth*, JOSIAH.

5 RICHARD, the fifth son and eighth child of the said Stephanas Hunt and Lydia Lawrence, was born October 23, 1762, married Mary, daughter of Caleb Pell, of Pellham, Westchester county, and had issue :

6 *First*, JAMES, died young.

6 *Second*, HANNAH, married Henry Plant, had issue, one child.

6 *Third*, PELL, died young.

6 *Fourth*, MARY, married Elijah Quimby, and had issue :

7 ELIZA, married Samuel Cox.

7 MARY ANN, married Joel L. Lundy.

7 HARRIET, died young.

7 CORNELIA, married Elison H. Macky.

7 GEORGE, died young.

7 RICHARD H., unmarried, now in London.

7 WALTER, married Catharine Draper.

7 CAROLINE, married Elison H. Macky, her sister's husband.

7 MATILDA, unmarried.

6 *Fifth*, RICHARD PELL, married, *first*, Matilda Kindig, no issue. *Secondly*, Anna Underhill, and had no issue. *Thirdly*, Sarah McClintock, and had issue :

7 *First*, RICHARD, *Second*, MARY, *Third*, SARAH.

Fourthly, Jane Masters, and had issue :

7 *First*, WILLIAM, *Second*, JANE, and *Third*, GEORGE.

6 *Sixth*, ELIZA, married Benjamin Underhill, and had issue :

7 ALFRED, died unmarried.

7 BENJAMIN, married Sarah Truman.

7 RICHARD, THEODORE, and EMELINE.

6 *Seventh*, LYDIA, married Randolph Mount, and had issue :

7 MARY, married Gilbert Vail.

7 EMELINE, married Benjamin Bacon.

7 ELIZA JANE, married Septimus Swift.

5 LOTT HUNT, the youngest surviving son of the said Stephanas Hunt and Lydia Lawrence, occupied the paternal farm at West Farms, Westchester county. He continued the practice of his father, sending fruit from said farm to his uncle Effingham Lawrence, London, (see Appendix T.) He was born June 22, 1764, married April 21, 1814, Esther G., daughter of William Hunter, of Mount Pleasant, Westchester county, and had issue :

6 *First*. WILLIAM.

6 *Second*. MARY.

6 *Third*. LOTT GRIFFIN.

6 *Fourth*. ESTHER GRIFFIN.

6 *Fifth*. PHEBE JANE.

5 EFFINGHAM HUNT, the seventh son and tenth child of the said Stephanas Hunt and Lydia Lawrence, was born May 3, 1768. He was named by his uncle, Effingham Lawrence. He died young.

4 JOHN LAWRENCE, the second son and sixth child of Richard, who was the eldest son of Joseph, who was the eldest son of the first William and Elizabeth Smith, be-

fore mentioned, was born 1731, named Ann, daughter of John Burling, and had issue :

5 *First*. EDWARD, a merchant, in New York, born in 1756 ; married Zipporah, daughter of Doctor William Lawrence. He died in 1831, and left children :

6 *First*. PHEBE, married Thomas Whiting.

6 *Second*. CORNELIA, married Thomas Treadway.

6 *Third*. JANE, married Henry B. Fowler.

6 *Fourth*. JOHN L., married Adeline Tupper ; no issue.

6 *Fifth*. WALTER, married Mulvina Daniels.

6 *Sixth*. EDWARD L., born June 13, 1780 ; married Matilda Whiting ; had issue :

7 ROBERT, lost at sea ; no children.

7 ANN MARIA, married Martin Baker.

7 SARAH, married Joshua Baker.

5 *Second*. HANNAH, born July 8, 1758 ; married Jacob Schieffelin. She died in 1840.

5 EFFINGHAM LAWRENCE, son of John, who was the son of Richard, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of the first William, and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, was born June 6, 1760 ; married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Watson. He was a gentleman of some wealth for the time in which he lived. His name is among those who formed an association in 1794, for the purpose of erecting the well-known building in the city of New York, called the Tontine Coffee-house. He died December 13, 1800, leaving issue :

6 *First*. WATSON E. LAWRENCE, who was, for many years, a magistrate at Flushing, Long Island, where, in 1825, being offered the nomination for state senator, he declined, and removed to the city of New York. He was proprietor and founder of Lawrenceville, in Ulster County. He is known as the manufacturer of Law-

rence's Rosendale Hydraulic Cement, with which most of the government works have been constructed. He was born August 13, 1788, married Augusta M., daughter of John Nicoll, grandson of William Nicoll, patentee. Their children are

7 JANE N., married J. G. Anderson, of Florida.

7 EFFINGHAM N., married C. Buckley.

7 ELIZABETH W., married Lawrence P. Hill.

7 JOHN and AUGUSTA N., died young.

7 ANNA W., married Mandelbert Canfield.

7 CHARLOTTE and WATSON A., died young.

7 MARY T., EMMA AUGUSTA and CHARLES EDWARD.

6 *Second*. EFFINGHAM W. LAWRENCE, for many years one of the county judges of Queens County, married Rebecca, daughter of Benjamin Prince, and had issue :

7 WILLIAM H., born in 1824.

7 FRANCIS E., born in 1827.

7 FREDERIC, born in 1830.

6 *Third*. JOHN W. LAWRENCE, was a member of the state legislature in 1840-41, and 1846-7 ; member of congress ; and in the latter year was also elected president of the Seventh Ward bank of the city of New York ; was born in 1800 ; married Mary K., daughter of the Hon. Walter Bowne, late mayor of New York, who was the son of James, who was the son of Samuel the second, who was the son of first Samuel, who was the son of the first John Bowne, before mentioned. Their children are :

7 CAROLINE, married Hon. Henry Bedinger. In 1847, member of congress of Virginia, and afterwards, United States minister to Denmark. Died in 1855.

7 ELIZA S., married A. M. T. Rust, of Virginia, died in 1855.

7 MARY B., EMILY and ANNA LOUISA.

7 WALTER B., born in 1839.

7 REBECCA, born in 1841 ; died in 1847.

7 ISABELLA, FANNY and ROBERT.

6 *Fourth.* MARY W., married James T. Tallman.

6 *Fifth.* ANNA W.

5 MARY LAWRENCE, the second daughter and fourth child of John Laurence and Ann Burling, born October 17, 1763 ; married Effingham Embree. She died 1831.

5 JANE LAWRENCE, the thrd daughter and fifth child of John Lawrence and Ann Burling. Married Livesay.

5 CATHARINE LAWRENCE, the fourth daughter and sixth child of John Lawrence and Ann Burling ; died unmarried.

5 ANNA LAWRENCE, the fifth daughter and seventh child of John Lawrence and Ann Burling, was born May 22, 1772 ; married Thomas Buckley, of New York.

5 JOHN B. LAWRENCE, druggist in New York, the third son and eighth child of John Lawrence and Ann Burling, was born August 31, 1774 ; married Hannah, daughter of Caleb Newbold, and had issue :

6 *First.* GEORGE N., married Mary A., daughter of George Newbold, Esq.

6 *Second.* CAROLINE A., married William E., son of the Hon. Effingham Lawrence and Anna Townsend.

6 *Third.* NEWBOLD.

6 *Fourth.* ALFRED N., married Elizabeth, daughter of John L. Lawrence, the sixth son of Jonathan Lawrence and Ruth Riker.

6 *Fifth.* JOHN B., and *sixth,* THOMAS N.

6 *Seventh.* EDWARD N., born in 1805 ; married Lydia A., daughter of the Hon. Effingham Lawrence and Anna Townsend, of Flushing, and had issue :

7 FREDERIC.

4 EFFINGHAM LAWRENCE, the third son and seventh child of Richard, who was the son of Joseph, who was

the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, was born in 1734, married Catharine Farmer, removed after his marriage to London, and was appointed to the command of a British frigate, and became one of the corporation of the elder brethren of the Trinity House, London. He resided at Tower Hill, and was extensively engaged in mercantile business at the time of his death, which took place about 1805. Will dated December 14, 1803. Proved, September 3, 1806 ; and left issue :

5 *First*, WILLIAM EFFINGHAM.

5 *Second*, JOHN CURSON.

5 *Third*, EFFINGHAM CALVERT.

5 *Fourth*, EDWARD BILLOP.

5 *Fifth*, CATHARINE MARIA, married Col. Sir John Thomas Jones, Baronet, of Cranmer Hall, Norfolk County, England, aid to the Duke of Wellington, and had issue :

6 LAWRENCE WILLOUGHBY, HERBERT WALSINGHAM and EMILY FLORENCE JONES.

4 NORRIS LAWRENCE, fourth son and eighth child of Richard Lawrence and Hannah Bowne, born in 1767, married ———, and had issue, one child, Norris. (See Appendix F.)

4 JOSEPH LAWRENCE, the fifth son and ninth child of Richard, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, was born in 1741, married Phebe, daughter of the fourth Henry Townsend, before mentioned, and resided in the township of Flushing, Long Island, occupying the old family mansion of his grandfather Joseph. Their children are :

5 *First*, ELIZABETH, born in 1765, married Silas Titus, and had issue :

6 *First*, SARAH T., married Silas Hicks, a merchant of the city of New York, and had issue :

7 WILLIAM T., married Margaret Lawrence, daughter of Joseph Lawrence.

7 ANNA L., unmarried.

7 SILAS, married Elizabeth Lucas.

7 MARY E., married William E. Cock.

7 JOSEPH.

6 *Second*, LYDIA L., married Joseph W. Corlies, a merchant in the city of New York, and had issue :

7 ALFRED W., married Maria, daughter of George F. White.

7 JOSEPH WILLIAM.

7 EDWARD L.

7 CORNELIA L.

7 EMILIE L.

6 *Third*, PHEBE L., unmarried.

6 *Fourth*, WILLIAM L. married Maria Frame, and had issue :

7 WILLIAM.

7 SILAS.

7 MARY.

6 *Fifth*, ELIZABETH L., married Thomas J. Townsend, and had issue :

7 CAROLINE.

7 EFFINGHAM L.

7 LOUISA L.

7 THOMAS J.

7 HENRY L.

7 EDWARD O.

7 WILLIAM AUGUSTUS.

5 *Second*, HENRY, married, *first*, Harriet Van Wyck. *Secondly*, Amy Pearsall. Their children are :

6 *Seventh*, PHEBE, unmarried.

6 *Eighth*, CATHARINE H., married Robert M. Bell.

6 *Ninth*, HARRIET, died unmarried.

6 *Tenth*, ESTHER P., married, *first*, William Post. *Secondly*, Grenville Osgood, of Louisiana.

6 CORNELIUS W. LAWRENCE, born in 1791, was a merchant of wealth and respectability in the City of New York. He was a member of Congress, Mayor of the City of New York, President of the Bank of the State of New York, and subsequently Collector of the Port of New York. He was the eldest son of Henry Lawrence, who was the son of the second Joseph who was the son of Richard, who was the son of the first Joseph who was the son of the first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned—married, *first*, Maria C., daughter of Abraham Prall. *Secondly*, Rachel A., daughter of Willet Hicks. *Thirdly*, Mrs. E. N. Lawrence, daughter of Hon. Effingham Lawrence and Anna Townsend.

6 *Second*, JOSEPH, *Third*, JOSEPH, both died in infancy.

6 JOSEPH LAWRENCE, fourth son of Henry, who was the son of second Joseph, who was the son of Richard, who was the son of first Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, was born 1797, is a merchant of New York, was President of the Bank of the State of New York for several years, and Treasurer of the City of New York, and is now President of the United States Trust Company; married Rosetta, daughter of Thomas S. Townsend. Their children are :

7 MARGARET T., married William T. Hicks, son of Silas Hicks.

7 HARRIET.

7 HENRY EFFINGHAM.

7 CAROLINE T., married Howard Osgood, son of Isaac Osgood, of Louisiana.

7 THOMAS T.

7 CATHARINE.

7 ISABELLA.

6 RICHARD LAWRENCE, fifth son of Henry, who was the son of second Joseph, who was the son of Richard, who was the son of first Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before-mentioned, married Sarah Ann, daughter of James Drake.

5 *Third*, PHEBE, married Obadiah Townsend, and had issue :

6 *First*, THOMAS J., married Elizabeth Titus.

6 *Second*, EFFINGHAM L., married Sarah Ann Wagstaff.

6 *Third*, SARAH, unmarried.

6 *Fourth*, JOSEPH L., married Hannah Whitson.

6 *Fifth*, LYDIA, married James Mott.

5 *Fourth*, RICHARD, married Betsey Talman, no children.

5 *Fifth*, LYDIA, married Anthony Franklin, and had issue :

6 *First*, JOHN L., married Margaret Wright.

6 *Second*, JOSEPH L., married Mary Fitch.

6 *Third*, ELIZABETH, married William Smart.

6 *Fourth*, RICHARD, married Evelina Crary.

5 *Sixth*, ABIGAIL, died unmarried.

5 *Seventh*, EFFINGHAM LAWRENCE, son of second Joseph, who was the son of Richard, who was the son of first Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before-mentioned, was for several years first judge of the County of Queens. He married Anna, daughter of Solomon Townsend, the eldest son of Samuel, who was the fifth eldest son in a direct line from the first John,

before-mentioned. The above-named Solomon Townsend, was born at Oyster Bay, in 1746, and early engaged in navigation, for which, almost from infancy, he evinced a strong predilection, and in his twentieth year was put in trust of a brig belonging to his father. When the war of the revolution broke out, he was in command of the ship *Glasgow*, belonging to the said Thomas Buchanan ; but owing to the (then) recent interruption of trade between the two countries, she was left, by direction of the owner, in London.

Obtaining permission to leave England, Captain Townsend went over to France, and while at Paris, made the acquaintance of his celebrated countryman, Dr. Franklin, to whom he found means of making himself agreeable, and by whom he was introduced at court, and received other tokens of his friendship and regard.

Having consumed sufficient time to see and examine the most remarkable curiosities in the French capital, he made arrangements to return to his own country, and the American commissioner favored him with the following certificate of protection :

“PASSEY, NEAR PARIS, June 27, 1778.

“I certify to whom it may concern, that Captain Solomon Townsend, of New York, mariner, hath this day appeared voluntarily before me, and taken the oath of allegiance to the United States of America, according to the resolution of Congress, thereby acknowledging himself a subject of the United States.

B. FRANKLIN.”

Captain Townsend, was also commissioned by Dr. Franklin, as a volunteer midshipman, in the continental navy, and for this purpose he procured his necessary equipments in Paris. He sailed soon after, in the

frigate *Providence*, for Boston, with Commodore Abraham Whipple.

While on the passage, a suspicious looking craft hove in sight, and preparations were of course forthwith made for an engagement; Captain Townsend being ordered to take charge of a division of guns. No engagement, however, took place, and the vessel reached Boston in November, 1778.

Being unable from the condition of the country, personally to visit his family at Oyster Bay, he traversed the interior of New England, and crossing the River Hudson at Newburg, reached the house of his cousin, Peter Townsend, son of the fourth Henry Townsend, at Chester, Orange County, proprietor of the celebrated iron works and estate of Stirling a few miles off.

Steel was first made by Mr. Townsend, at the Stirling Works, and in the German manner, in 1776. He also made the first anchor ever manufactured in this State, in 1773; and here was constructed in March and April, 1778, the immense chain, extending across the Hudson to prevent the British ships passing West Point. The links of this stupendous chain weighed about 140 lbs. each, and the whole one hundred and sixty tons; made and delivered in the short space of six weeks.

After an absence of seven years, Captain Townsend was enabled by pre-concert to meet some of his family upon Shelter Island, but soon separated under the fearful apprehensions they might never meet again.

Returning to Chester, he was in little time thereafter, united in marriage with his cousin Anne, eldest daughter of the said Peter Townsend, whom, in 1783, he brought with him to Oyster Bay, where the different members of his family were again assembled under the paternal roof.

Like his father, Captain Townsend, he possessed strong intellectual powers, was ardent in all his pursuits, and of indomitable perseverance. He soon after purchased the mountain estate, adjoining that of his father-in-law, which he named *Augusta*, where he established very extensive iron works, anchory, forges, &c., furnishing thereby ample employment to numerous laborers and artizans, for many years.

He continued, nevertheless, to reside in the city of New York, where he owned and superintended an extensive iron store. He also established a manufactory of bar iron on Peconic River, in Suffolk county, a short distance above the village of Riverhead, which was carried on during his life. To give some idea of the extent of his business at one period, it need only be stated that the losses sustained by him, occasioned by mercantile failures alone, during the general embargo of 1808, exceeded \$70,000 ; yet he relaxed not his exertions, but continued his manufacturing operations in their full extent, till arrested by death, March 27, 1811.

He was chosen frequently to represent the city of New York, in the State Legislature, and was a member of that body at the time of his death.

The children of the above-named Effingham Lawrence and Anna Townsend, are :

6 *First*, SOLOMON T., deceased.

6 *Second*, HENRY E., married Frances, daughter of Walter Browrier.

6 *Third*, LYDIA A., married *first*, Edward N. Lawrence ; *secondly*, Cornelius W. Lawrence.

6 *Fourth*, WILLIAM E., married *first*, Caroline A., daughter of John B. Lawrence and Hannah Newbold ; *secondly*, Augusta, daughter of the Hon. A. H. Mickle, late Mayor of New York.

6 *Fifth*, ROBERT T., deceased.

6 *Sixth*, EFFINGHAM, married Jane, daughter of Isaac Osgood, of Louisiana.

6 *Seventh*, MARY N., married Hon. A. H. Mickle, late Mayor of the city of New York, and had issue :

7 EDWARD, married Hannah, daughter of A. H. Mickle.

6 *Eighth*, JOSEPH E.

6 *Ninth*, CORNELIUS.

6 *Tenth*, EDWARD A.

6 *Eleventh*, HANNAH T.

3 JOHN LAWRENCE, the son of Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before-mentioned, was born at Flushing, Long Island, N. Y., A.D., 1703 ; emigrated in early life to Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and was proprietor of a tract of land covering its present site, and which he never conveyed away. On the incursion of the British, the records were taken away or destroyed, but the title to the said tract of land still remains in the family. He married about A.D., 1728, for his *first* wife, Mary Woodbury, (of whose issue presently), and shortly afterwards removed to Newport, Rhode Island, where he resided many years, and brought up his large family. He was an extensive ship owner, and engaged in the shipping business. One of his vessels built at Newport, a ship, and called the *Three Brothers*, after the three brothers John, William, and Thomas Lawrence,—this ship was bound on an European voyage, and was never heard from after leaving port. In advanced life he removed to Providence, R. I., and there married for his *second* wife, Elizabeth Little, the widow of a British officer. By her he had no issue. He died on the 10th day of November, 1781, aged 78, and was interred in

his family lot next west of Nicholas Browne's burial place, in the old North Burial Ground, Providence, R. I. By his first wife, Mary Woodbury, he had issue, eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, viz :

4 JOSEPH LAWRENCE, the eldest son and first child of John, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before-mentioned, was born at Flushing, Long Island, in 1729, removed with his father to Newport, R. I. In 1750, on his 21st birthday, removed to Providence, where he employed his time in writing for merchants for a few years. He then opened a marine insurance office, and filled the first policy of insurance in Rhode Island, and continued in that business for a number of years. Afterwards he drafted a charter for the Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and together with a number of others, obtained a charter for the said Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Company ; was chosen secretary of the board of directors, remained in that capacity for a number of years, and by his indefatigable industry, was the means of making that institution what it is now, one of the most flourishing institutions of the kind in the country. He married *first*, Amy Whipple, and had issue :

5 *First*, SARAH, born July 13, 1753, married Joshua Bliven, and had issue :

6 ISAAC, married Ann Spencer, daughter of Daniel Spencer, had issue :

7 MARY.

7 JAMES, married Margaret Hankerson, of New Jersey, had one child.

5 *Second*, JOHN, married *first*, Cynthia Weaton, had issue, one child, died at birth ; *secondly*, Margaret Spencer, eldest daughter of Daniel Spencer and Anna Eaton, his wife, and had issue :

6 WILLIAM, born April 15, 1789, died June 4, 1815.

6 ELIZA, born May 5, 1791, died Sept. 7, 1795.

6 ANNA, born March 5, 1793, died July 27, 1794.

6 JOSEPH, born Jan. 26, 1795, married Abby Ann Martin, Oct., 1823, and had issue :

7 WILLIAM, born Oct. 1824, married Aug. 1847, Mary Manguin.

6 MARY, born May 16, 1797, died August 15, 1798.

6 DANIEL, born July 4, 1799, married Mary Ann Brice, in Sept. 1823, and had issue :

7 JOHN H., born Oct., 1824.

7 DANIEL S., born 1827.

6 AMY, born June 16, 1802, married George W. Walcot, May 29, 1823, and had issue :

7 GEORGE WILLIAM, born Oct. 20, 1824, died the same day.

7 HENRY LAWRENCE, born March 8, 1826.

7 GEORGE SPENCER, born Sept. 1, 1828.

7 AMY ANN, born Nov. 14, 1830, died Nov. 17, 1830.

7 HARRIET WHIPPLE, born June 28, 1839.

6 ANNA MARIA, born May 1, 1805, died June 2, 1837.

6 HENRY, died 1814, young.

5 GIDEON, married Anna Walton, no issue.

5 AMY, married Alexander Shaw, and had issue :

6 OLIVER, unmarried.

6 JAMES, married Mary Andrews, and had issue :

7 ELIZA MANNING, MARY, AND GEORGE.

6 GEORGE, married Mary Jackson, and had issue :

7 FRANCIS.

6 JOSEPH, married Mary Randall, and had issue :

7 GEORGE.

5 THOMAS, died without issue.

6 JOSEPH LAWRENCE, herein before-mentioned, son of John, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of

first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before-mentioned, married *secondly*, Mrs. Susanna Eaton, daughter of Dr. John Turner, of Freetown, Mass., and had issue, six children.

5 SUSANNA, born Oct. 18, 1779, married *first*, Captain George H. Allen, who was lost at sea in or about the year 1800, and had issue :

6 SUSAN, died young.

6 GEORGE W., died on the Island of Cuba, unmarried.

Secondly, she married Dr. Joseph B. Pettis, and had issue :

6 FRANCES, married Stephen Shove, and had issue, one child.

6 GEORGE W., married Mary Balch, daughter of John Balch, Esq., of Medfield, Mass., and had issue, three children.

5 WALTER, the eldest son of Joseph by his second wife, Susan Eaton, was born 1781 ; he expressed a wish to follow the sea, his father through the influence of his friends, obtained for him a warrant as midshipman in the United States Navy, and was attached to the frigate *George Washington*, in the year of 1800 and 1801, commanded by Captain William Bainbridge, and bound to Algiers. After his return, he married Jane S. Packard, widow of Captain Robert S. Packard, only daughter of Archibald Stuart, merchant of Providence ; he had by his wife Jane seven children :

6 *First*, WILLIAM HENRY, born March 25, 1803, died August 11, 1803.

6 *Second*, ———, born July 28, ———, died August 12, 1805.

6 *Third*, ARCHIBALD STUART, born July 31, 1806, died July 6, 1831.

6 *Fourth*, CAROLINE M., born October 31, 1808, died September 8, 1809.

6 *Fifth*, CHARLES S., born — 18th, 1810, married Lydia Peck, daughter of Cromwell and Mary Peck, who were old and respectable residents of Providence, R. I., no issue :

6 *Sixth*, ADELINE M., born June 9, 1813, married Jonathan M. Wheeler, and had issue three children :

7 EMMA, born July 13, 1844.

7 OSCAR, born 1846.

7 JANE, born 1850.

6 *Seventh*, JOHN S., unmarried.

5 EFFINGHAM, married, no issue.

5 CYNTHIA, died young.

5 THOMAS LAWRENCE, the third son and fifth child of Joseph Lawrence, by his second wife Susan Eaton, grandson of John, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, was born May 21, 1792, married, *first*, Tamason Pettis, of Brooklyn, Connecticut, had by her one child, which died at birth with its mother. *Secondly*, Mrs. Susan Fisher, daughter of Willaby Mason, of Walpole, Mass., and had issue :

6 JAMES, born February 16, 1822, married Cornelia, daughter of John R. Livingston, formerly of the United States Navy, had issue :

7 CORNELIA, born June 1847.

7 ADELINE, born October 1849.

5 STEPHEN LAWRENCE, the fourth son and sixth child of Joseph Lawrence by his second wife, Susan Eaton, was born May 8, 1793, died in 1815, unmarried.

4 THOMAS LAWRENCE, the second son of John Lawrence and Mary Woodbury, was born September 20, 1730, died young.

4 THOMAS LAWRENCE, the third son of John Lawrence and Mary Woodbury, was born April 17, 1732.

4 WILLIAM LAWRENCE, the fourth son of John Law-

rence and Mary Woodbury, was born February 5, 1734, married, issue, one son, deceased.

4 CALEB LAWRENCE, the fifth son of John Lawrence and Mary Woodbury, was born May 15, 1735, unmarried.

4 MARY LAWRENCE, the first daughter and sixth child of John Lawrence and Mary Woodbury, was born April 10, 1787, married Elias Calendar, son of Rev. John Calendar, who died January 26, 1748, in the 42d year of his age ; for Memoirs of whose life and his Historical discourse “ on the civil and religious affairs of the Colony of Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations in New England, North America, from the first settlement 1638, to the end of the first century,” see collections of the Rhode Island Historical Society, vol. iv. ; and had issue :

5 *First*, ELISHA, born September 24, 1763, died unmarried.

5 *Second*, JOHN, born August 25, 1766, died unmarried.

5 *Third*, POLLY, born June 26, 1769, died June 18, 1770.

5 *Fourth*, POLLY, born May 18, 1771, married Samuel Olney. She died about 1844.

5 *Fifth*, THOMAS, born December 13, 1773, married Mary Martin, and had issue :

6 ELIAS, born 1802.

5 *Sixth*, SARAH, born January 29, 1776, married Samuel Gorham, and had issue :

6 JABEZ, born February, 1808, married Eliza Pool, and had issue :

7 WILLIAM W., born 1813.

7 SAMUEL.

6 MARY MITCHELL, born 1811, married Henry Dunham, and had issue :

7 SARAH, HANNAH, MARY GRAHAM, HENRY.

5 *Seventh*, AMY, married Thomas Grayson, and had issue :

6 THOMAS, ELIZA, JANE, and SARAH.

4 DAVID LAWRENCE, the seventh son of John, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of the first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, as before-mentioned, was born at Newport, Rhode Island, the 18th day of February, 1738. At an early period of his life, he went to reside at Providence, R. I., and there married about A.D., 1763, Sybil, daughter of Robert Sterry, Esq., a gentleman of high standing ; entered into commerce, and by industry, business tact, and perseverance, accumulated a handsome competency. He was a zealous and patriotic coöperator in our glorious Revolution, the intimate friend of Benjamin Franklin, and named one of his sons after the patriot Samuel Adams. In 1783, he removed with his family to Hudson, in the State of New York, of which town he was one of the thirty founders and proprietors ; was for many years recorder and mayor, and held other places of public trust in that city. He died at his own residence in the city of Hudson, N. Y., on the 18th day of October, 1809. He was exceedingly fond of *Belles-lettres* and the fine arts, possessed rare powers of reading and elocution, and was "a man of great personal respectability, keen observation, ready wit, and strong sense." (See "Random Recollections of Hudson," by Gorham Worth, page 50, ed., Albany, and "American Epitaphs," by Rev. Timothy Alden, Vol. IV., page 249, ed., New York, 1814.) By his wife Sybil, he had issue, four sons and five daughters, viz :

5 *First*, THOMAS, born at Providence, R. I., the 11th of June, 1764, died in Geneva, N. Y., 22d of January,

1852. He married, A.D., 1793, Ann, daughter of John Andrews, of Hudson, N. Y., and had issue :

6 CHARLOTTE A., born 27th of May, 1705, died 17th of August, 1796.

6 ANN MARIA, born 15th of October, 1796, died 18th of February, 1797.

6 AUGUSTUS STERRY, born 15th of September, 1797, died 18th of October, 1856.

6 ANGELINA, born 20th of July, 1799, died 26th of October, 1800.

6 JOHN THOMAS, born 3d of November, 1802, died 11th of January, 1809.

6 THOMAS, born 7th of July, 1804, died 2d of February, 1844. Married first, Julia Havens, by whom he had one daughter, Anna, (who married Talmage Delafield, who had a son Talmage and daughter) and his second wife Caroline Ann Waring, by whom he had issue :

7 THOMAS H., born February 22, 1856.

7 CHARLES W., born Oct. 12, 1837.

7 WILLIAM A., born April 13, 1839.

7 BENJAMIN C.C., born Aug. 5, 1840, died May 9, 1845.

6 JANE MARIA, born March 27, 1806, and married Henry Howe, of Canandaigua, N. Y., and has one son, Henry Lawrence.

6 ROBERT DAVID, born Feb. 22, 1808, married and has several children.

6 CORNELIA ANN, born Sept. 27, 1810, unmarried.

7 JOHN, born Sept. 22, —, married.

6 MARY, born Aug. 17, 1815, died at Geneva, N. Y., 1844, unmarried.

5 *Second*, MARY, born at Providence, R. I., 22d of May, 1768, died in the city of New York, 19th of April, 1849, married 14th of June, 1794, Col. Grier, U. S. Army, and had issue :

6 JOHN, died unmarried.

6 JAMES, Col. by brevet, U. S. Army, died unmarried.

6 MARTHA, died unmarried.

5 *Third*, NANCY, born at Providence, R. I., December, 1796, died in the city of New York, February, 1850, married Amiel, son of Seth Jenkins, Mayor of Hudson, N. Y., and had issue :

6 MARY ANN, who married John Willard, of Albany, N. Y., and has issue :

7 REV. LIVINGSTON WILLARD, who married Mary Clark, and have children.

7 FANNY, who died unmarried.

7 AMIEL, Counsellor-at-Law, unmarried.

7 EDWARD, married Elizabeth Willard.

7 MARY, who married — Wetmore, and has a daughter.

7 LOUISA, unmarried.

7 KATE, unmarried.

6 CORNELIA, who married Zephaniah Platt, Counsellor-at-Law, and son of the late Judge, Jonas Platt, and has issue :

7 CORNELIA, who married Joseph Blackwell.

7 HELEN, who married Oscar H. Weed, and has several children.

7 MARY, unmarried.

7 HOWARD, died A.D., 1858, unmarried.

5 *Fourth*, CHARLES, born at Providence, R. I., in 1772, died in the city of New York, September, 1846, unmarried.

5 *Fifth*, SAMUEL ADAMS, see *infra*.

5 *Sixth*, SARAH, born at Providence, R. I., 30th of September, 1775, died in the city of New York, 2d of August, 1854, married Barent Gardinier, Counsellor-

at-Law and member of Congress. By this marriage he had issue :

6 LAWRENCE, Counsellor-at-Law, married —, and has children.

6 ANN ELIZA, who married *first*, James Dunn, by whom she had one son, James, who died young, and one daughter, Anna, married to — Van, who have a daughter ; and *secondly*, Addison M. Burt, Counsellor-at-Law, no issue.

6 *Third*, LAURA, who married Theodore S. Fay, Esq., "United States Minister Resident," at Berne in Switzerland ; she died, leaving one daughter, Caroline.

6 *Fourth*, JOHN RANDOLPH, Captain United States Navy, married, but died A. D. 1851, leaving no issue.

5 *Seventh*, LYDIA, born at Providence, R. I., and died there at the age of five years.

5 *Eighth*, ELIZABETH, born at Providence, R. I., and died at Hudson, N. Y., A. D. 1812, unmarried.

5 *Ninth*, WILLIAM, born at Providence, R. I., and died in the City of New York, Feb. 7, 1833, unmarried.

5 SAMUEL ADAMS LAWRENCE, the third son and fifth child of David, who was the seventh son of John, who was the second son of Joseph, was the son of the first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterward Lady Carterett, before mentioned, was born at Providence, R. I., the 19th day of January, 1175. Commencing in early life the study of medicine, he soon relinquished it for commerce, a more congenial pursuit, and for which, by his remarkably clear vision, financial abilities, and systematic habits, he was eminently qualified. He became an extensive importing and commission merchant, widely known and highly respected at home and abroad ; and was appointed President and Director for several public institutions, as well charitable as financial, in the City of New York.

Ever ready with his means and efforts to ameliorate the condition of the poor ; he was also a strong advocate for the cause of education, as well as a munificent patron of the arts and sciences—and initiated many plans in concert with, and whilst entertaining his friend and adviser, the illustrious De Witt Clinton. But his crowning merit is, that through life, and in his last hour, he was a conscientious and sincere Christian. He died at his residence, in the City of New York, on the 5th day of August, 1851. He married in the City of New York, on the 26th day of November, 1803, Catharine, daughter of John and Dorothea Remsen, of the same city, and by her had issue, *eight* sons and *three* daughters, viz. :

6 *First*, SAMUEL STERRY, M. D., born in the City of New York, 21st August, 1804, married in the same city 31st December, 1833, Christiana, (died 18th June, 1854,) only daughter of Peter Knell, Esq., and by her had issue :

7 *First*, SAMUEL REMSEN, born 31st December, 1834, in the City of New York.

7 *Second*, EDGAR VARICK, born 19th November, 1836, in the City of New York.

6 *Second*, CATHARINE REMSEN, born in the City of New York, the 11th August, 1805, unmarried.

6 *Third*, JOHN REMSEN, born in the City of New York, 24th August, 1807, died September, 1807.

6 *Fourth*, FERDINAND, merchant, (retired,) born at their country seat in Bloomingdale, the 28th of December, 1807, married in the city of New York, 13th of January, 1835, Isabella Eliza, eldest daughter of William Burgoyne, Esq., of the city of New York, formerly of Charleston, S. C.

6 *Fifth*, JULIA, born at their country seat, in Bloom-

ingdale, the 18th of February, 1809, married in the city of New York, the 27th of July, 1835, to Garret Decker, son of the late Louis Hasbrouck, M.D., of Ulster Co., N. Y., and has issue :

7 JULIA LAWRENCE, born in the city of New York, 1st of April, 1836, married 26th of February, 1857, John, only son of Jonathan Dwight, late of Boston, Mass.

7 LOUIS GARRET, born 22d of May, 1837, in the city of New York.

7 REMSEN, born 7th of April, 1839, in the city of New York.

6 *Sixth*, HENRY, educated for the church, (Episcopal,) born at his parent's country seat, in Bloomingdale, the 11th day of April, 1810, unmarried.

6 *Seventh*, JOHN REMSEN, born in the city of New York, 9th of November, 1811, died 31st of March, 1834, at U. S. Navy Yard, Brooklyn, unmarried.

6 *Eighth*, HORACE, born at Bloomingdale, 11th of June, 1814, died at Key West, E. F., 29th of September, 1851, married 12th of February, 1839, Laura, daughter of Michael Kelley, of Charleston, S. C., and by her had issue, two daughters, viz :

7 LAURA, born at Key West, E. F., 10th of July, 1845.

7 KATE, born at Key West, E. F., 12th of January, 1848.

6 *Ninth*, CHARLES DAVID, born in the city of New-York, 7th of October, 1817, died at Palestine, Anderson Co., Texas, 29th day of July, 1852, unmarried.

6 *Tenth*, MARIA VARICK, born at their country seat, in Bloomingdale, the 10th of August, 1819, died unmarried.

6 *Eleventh*, EUGENE, born in the city of New York, the 4th day of October, 1823, Counsellor-at-Law, and

author of the "Lives of the British Historians," unmarried.

4 GIDEON LAWRENCE, seventh son and eight child of John Lawrence and Mary Woodbury, was born Dec. 6, 1741, died without children.

4 WALTER LAWRENCE, the eight son and ninth child of John Lawrence and Mary Woodbury, was born Sept. 6, 1743, died without issue.

4 ELIZABETH, the second daughter and tenth child of John Lawrence and Mary Woodbury, was born Jan. 10, 1745, married, but died without issue.

4 HEARTY, the third daughter and eleventh child of John Lawrence and Mary Woodbury, was born Nov. 16, 1747, died unmarried.

3 ELIZABETH LAWRENCE, the first daughter and third child of Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, married John Bowne, second. In 1737, removed from Flushing, Long Island, to Yonkers, Westchester county, and had issue :

4 *First.* JOHN, born March 13, 1716.

4 *Second.* JOSEPH, born December 7, 1717.

4 *Third.* HANNAH, born September 8, 1719.

4 *Fourth.* SARAH, born May 8, 1721.

4 *Fifth.* ANN, born June 13, 1722, married John Underhill, and had issue :

5 BENJAMIN UNDERHILL, married Elizabeth Burnett, and had issue :

6 HANNAH, married Stephen Horton, and had issue :

7 ANN, married Peter Lawrence, and had issue :

8 HENRY HORTON LAWRENCE.

4 *Sixth.* THOMAS, born June 24, 1728.

4 *Seventh.* ——— daughter, born September 23, 1730.

4 *Eighth.* ——— daughter, born April 16, 1732.

4 *Ninth.* — daughter, born March 23, 1734.

4 *Tenth.* HANNAH, born July 3, 1736.

4 *Eleventh.* ELIZABETH, born September 19, 1743.

3 SARAH LAWRENCE, second daughter, and fourth child of Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, unmarried. (See Appendix F.)

3 HANNAH, the third daughter and fifth child of Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, married — Mollyudee. (See Appendix F.)

3 ABIGAIL, the fourth daughter and sixth child of Joseph, who was the son of first William and Elizabeth Smith, afterwards Lady Carterett, before mentioned, married Major Alexander Forbs of the British army. (See Appendix F.)

2 ELISHA LAWRENCE commenced business as a merchant in the latter part of the seventeenth century, at Cheesecakes, on the south side of Raritan bay, in Monmouth county, New Jersey, but his store having been pillaged by the crew of a French privateer, he removed to Upper Freehold, then a wilderness. He represented that county in the provincial assembly in 1707. His residence was called Chesnut Grove; was born in 1666, died May 27, 1724; married Lucy Stout, and had issue:

3 *First.* HANNAH, born 1695, married Richard Salter.

3 *Second.* ELIZABETH, married Joseph Salter; no children.

3 *Third.* SARAH, married John Ember; resided in New Jersey.

3 *Fourth.* REBECCA, married — Watson, of New York; removed to New Jersey.

3 *Fifth.* JOSEPH.

3 *Sixth*. ELISHA, born in 1701, died in 1793, married Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. John Brown, and had issue.

4 ELIZABETH, born in 1728, married Dr. James Newell.

4 LUCY, born in 1749, married Nathaniel Lewis.

4 ANN, born in 1751 ; married Reynold Keen.

4 JOHN BROWN LAWRENCE, a lawyer ; soon after the revolution, was elected Treasurer of the State of New Jersey. Married, *first*, — Leonard, and had issue one child.

5 ELIZABETH, married Michael Kearney. *Secondly*, — TALLMAN, and had issue.

5 SARAH, married James Goelette, of New York.

5 CATHARINE, married Jackson B. French, of St. Vincent.

5 ANN, married John Parker, of Perth Amboy.

5 WILLIAM FRANKLIN, died unmarried.

5 JOHN, married Mary A., daughter of the Rev. Henry Waddell, of New York, who married Lucy, daughter of John Lawrence and Mary Hartshorne ; no issue.

5 LUCY, died unmarried.

5 MARY, married Robert Boggs, of New Brunswick.

5 CAPTAIN JAMES LAWRENCE, was born 1st of October, 1781. He entered the United States navy as a midshipman, in 1798. After having distinguished himself on various occasions for skill and gallantry, he attained the rank of post-captain, and fell in the memorable conflict, June 1st, 1813, between the Chesapeake and Shannon, off Boston harbor. Married Julia, daughter of James Montandevert, a French merchant, of New York, and had issue :

6 *First*. MARY, born in 1811, married in 1838, William Preston Griffin, of Virginia, a lieutenant in the

United States Navy ; and after giving birth to a daughter, on the 31st of August, died September 3d, 1843, at Florence.

6 *Second*. JAMES, died in infancy.

4 ELISHA, son of Elisha Lawrence, Jun. and Elizabeth Brown, born in 1746 ; died in 1799, at Chesnut Grove ; married Rebecca Redmond, of Philadelphia, and had issue :

5 *First*. ELIZABETH.

5 *Second*. MARY, died unmarried.

5 *Third*. LUCY, married Dr. Forshay, of Richmond.

5 *Fourth*. REBECCA, died unmarried.

5 *Fifth*. SARAH, married Capt. Wallaby, of New York.

5 *Sixth*. JOSEPH, married ——— Pierce, of Boston.

3 JOHN LAWRENCE, son of Elisha and Lucy Stout, born in 1708 ; in 1730, married Mary, daughter of William Hartshorne, and had issue :

4 *First*. DR. JOHN, of New York, died unmarried.

4 *Second*. HELENA, married James Holmes, of New York, a merchant.

4 *Third*. LUCY, married Rev. Henry Waddell, of New York.

4 *Fourth*. ELIZABETH, married William Lecompte, of Georgia.

4 *Fifth*. MARY and SARAH, died unmarried.

4 *Seventh*. COL. ELISHA, married ——— Ashfield, of the British army. Died in Wales, England.

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS LAWRENCE.

1 **Thomas Lawrence**, the youngest of the three brothers who emigrated to America, did not come over till after his two brothers, John and William ; was born about 1625. He, together with these two brothers, in the year 1655, obtained possession of a tract of a land in Newtown, on Long Island, being mentioned as patentees in the patent of that town, granted by Governor Dongan, in 1689.

Thomas subsequently purchased the whole of Hell Gate neck, then consisting of several valuable farms, extending along the East River, from Hell Gate cove to Bowery Bay.

On receiving the news of the Revolution in England, of 1668, and of the removal of Sir Edmund Andros as Governor of Massachusetts, the family of Thomas became decided actors in assisting the principles which had prompted his departure from England. Many persons in Queens, however, as well as Suffolk County, were not disposed to second the popular feeling which had vacated the offices at the city of New York, and placed Leisler at the head of affairs. Not discouraged at the lukewarmness of his neighbors, Thomas Lawrence, though far advanced in years, accepted the command of the forces of Queens County. William, one of his sons, was appointed one of the committee of safety, by whom the government of the colony was for a time assumed, and soon after, one of the council of the province ; an office which he subsequently held from 1702 to 1706, under a commission from Queen Ann.

John Lawrence, another of the sons of Thomas, had the command of the troop of horse of the county assigned to him, with his brother Daniel as cornet. John was soon afterwards appointed high sheriff of the county, to which place he was also chosen in 1698. Among the meagre records which are left of Leisler's times, is the entry of an order to Major Thomas Lawrence, dated 29th of July, 1690, "to press seventy men, horse and foot, as he shall think fit; and horses and provisions; and dispatch them to Southold for the defence and protection of their Majesties' subjects there." The misconception or obstinacy, whichever it was, that influenced Leisler in delaying to surrender the fort at New York to Governor Slaughter on his arrival, involved all the members of his council in the consequences of this omission; and William Lawrence with the rest of them, were seized and committed, on a charge of high treason. John Lawrence, his uncle, who, from the caution of age, or a disapprobation of the violence of some of Leisler's proceedings, had never countenanced his elevation, was appointed on the commission with Sir Thomas Robinson, Col. William Smith, and others, to try those political offenders. These proceedings do not appear, however, to have interrupted the mutual confidence and affection of the uncle and nephew.

The descendants of Thomas Lawrence (being the Newtown branch of the family) are very numerous, residing in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and other States of the Union. He died at Newtown, in July, 1703; leaving five sons, to wit:

2 *First*, THOMAS, who married Mrs. Francina Smith, widow of M. Smith, and had issue:

3 JOHN, born in 1668, married *first*, Elizabeth — and had issue:

4 JACOB, DEBORAH, and HANNAH.

Secondly, MARY —, no issue, died 1732.

3 JACOB, married Lydia —, of Weschester.

3 THOMAS, was Justice of the Peace for Bergen Co., N. J., from 1702 to 1713, and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, ancestor of the New Jersey branch, married Frances Edsall.

3 ISAAC, born 1666-7, married, *First*, Anna Squire, and, *Secondly*, — Caniffe. In 1689 moved to East Chester. Died about 1730, and by his wife, Anna Squire, had issue :

4 ISAAC, born 1687, married, *first*, Mrs. Ward, and had issue :

5 MARY, married John Williams, she died 1714.

5 RACHEL, married — Jenks, she died 1717.

Secondly, Ruth Owens, he died about 1768, leaving issue :

5 JOSEPH, killed by a fall from his horse.

5 STEPHEN.

5 ANNA, born April 29th, 1729, married Nehemiah Hunt, born May 21, 1724, died July 20, 1792, and his wife ANNA died August 12th, 1796.

5 PHEBE, married Thomas Bolton.

5 ISAAC, born in 1724, married Keziah Pell, born 1729, died March 25, 1795, leaving issue :

6 RUTH, married Benjamin Corsa.

6 SARAH, married Abraham Hatfield.

6 PHILA, married William Totten.

6 MARY, married Cornelius Leggett.

6 JOSHUA, married Rachel Taylor.

6 JOSEPH, married Mary Pell.

6 BENJAMIN, DAVID.

6 THOMAS, born April 9, 1752, married Martha Hunt, born September, 7, 1742, died February 7, 1835.

4 JESSE LAWRENCE, son of Isaac Lawrence and Anna Squire, was born Dec. 9, 1727, died Feb. 14, 1801, and left issue :

5 *First*, MARY, born in 1760, married Philemon H. Fowler.

5 *Second*, RUTH, born Jan. 26, 1753, died Oct. 17, 1830, married Thomas Sherwood.

5 *Third*, ABIGAIL, married Thomas Sherwood.

5 *Fourth*, NOAH, married Anne Barnes.

5 *Fifth*, MOSES.

5 *Sixth*, JESSE, married Mary Cartwright.

5 *Seventh*, ISAAC.

5 *Eighth*, GEORGE.

4 GILBERT LAWRENCE, son of Isaac, grandson of Thomas Lawrence and Mrs. Francina Smith, and great grandson of the first Thomas Lawrence, one of the three brothers who migrated to America and settled at Newtown, was born in 1738, died July 17, 1817, married, *first*, Margaret Kissac, *secondly*, Mrs. Magdalen Myres, and had issue :

5 *First*, GLORIANNA, married —— Cunningham.

5 *Second*, PHILIP, married —— Wood.

4 AARON LAWRENCE, son of Isaac Lawrence and Anna Squires, and brother to the above-named Gilbert and Jesse Lawrence, was born March 19, 1741, died Jan. 2, 1816, married *first*, Jane Lawrence, who died Aug. 18, 1785, *secondly*, —— Croft, who died in 1829, leaving issue :

5 EUPHEMIA, born Jan. 20, 1764, died March 21, 1830, married Jonas Farrington, born May 26, 1754, died Sept. 22, 1822.

5 LETITIA, born Jan. 28, 1772, married Peter Still.

5 CHARLOTTE, born Dec. 22, 1773, married Martin Blauvelt.

5 CHARITY.

5 ISAAC.

5 AUGUSTUS, born March 1, 1771, married Elizabeth Huestis, born Oct. 22, 1769.

5 AARON, born Aug., 1785, died in 1789.

2 *Second*, WILLIAM, son of the first Thomas Lawrence.

2 *Third*, JOHN, who alone remained permanently at Newtown, and married Deborah, daughter of Richard Woodhull, one of the patentees of Brookhaven, closed his life December 17th, 1729, his wife surviving him about twelve years, he left three sons :

3 *First*, THOMAS LAWRENCE, who married Deborah Woolsey, daughter of Thomas Woolsey, of Newton, January 3, 1730 ; he removed to West Farms, Westchester County in 1748, and died in 1752, his will is recorded in the Surrogate's Office, in the City of New York, in Liber 18 of Wills, page 202 ; four children (one son and three daughters) survived him, to wit :

4 DEBORAH, born October 15, 1730, married Henry Cronk, of Westchester County, by whom she had several children.

4 THOMAS, born October 18, 1732, married Elizabeth, daughter of George Hadley, by whom he had several children ; his wife died in the year 1779, and he subsequently married Elizabeth Girand, widow of James Girand. He served with some distinction in the Revolutionary war in the American army, he held a lieutenant's commission. In the beginning of the war he removed from the City of New York to Ramapo, Rockland County, and afterwards to Rockland Lake, in the same county, and after the establishment of peace, removed to Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, where he remained until he removed to Red Hook, Columbia County, where he died June 16, 1803 ; his only surviving children, all by his first wife, were as follows :

5 NANCY, who married Matthew Benson, of Grassy Point, Rockland County, and died without issue.

5 DEBORAH, married John D. Noyelle, a wealthy and distinguished citizen of that place.

5 MARY, married John Forshay, of Mount Pleasant, Westchester Co., and also left four children, among whom Thomas Forshay is a highly respected citizen of Mamaronic, Westchester County.

5 JOHN, married Melitable Avery, daughter of Thadeus Avery, of Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, and removed to New York; two daughters and a son survived him, as follows:

6 ELIZABETH, married Benjamin Jansen, of New York City, and is the mother of a numerous family of children, her oldest daughter, Elizabeth, married George H. Bell, of New York City.

6 MARGARET, married Daniel Lewis, of New York City, and died, leaving five daughters and one son. Her second daughter, Josephine, is the widow of Captain Wilson, who was known as one of the most popular steamboat captains on the California line. Her third daughter is the wife of Christian C. Bouck, son of ex-Governor William C. Bouck, of New York.

6 THADDEUS AVERY, married Helen —, and is the father of several children, he is a prominent and highly popular citizen of Vienna in the western part of the State of New York.

5 WILLIAM, youngest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Hadley, was born on New York Island in Feb., 1776, he married Thamer, daughter of Gilbert Fisher, of Mount Pleasant, Westchester Co., Aug. 15, 1795, and removed immediately to New York City, where he continued to reside until May, 1822, when, upon the death of his father-in-law, he returned to Westchester County, where

he died May 9, 1848. He established the first drug mill in America, and followed that business for a number of years. The site occupied by the mill was a part of the ground now occupied by the Essex Market, New York City. He served with the New York Volunteers at Harlem Heights, in the last war with Great Britain. His children were as follows :

6 HARRIET, born 1799, and married Richard Smith, of New York City, 1818, she died in 1834 and left six children.

6 EDWARD WILLIAM, residing in New York City.

6 HORATIO GATES, residing in New York City.

6 NAPOLEON B., married Sophia, daughter of Thomas Greenleaf, of Adams County, Illinois, and has three daughters and one son.

6 CAROLINE S., married Samuel A. Banks, of New York.

6 THAMER ANN, married Anthony N. Bell, of New York City, she died June 17, 1855, leaving one son.

6 THOMAS, married Ellen A., daughter of William Fenno, of Boston, Mass., January 5, 1850, he is a member of the bar in New York City.

4 MARY, daughter of Thomas Lawrence and Deborah Woolsey, married — Treempore, and removed to Canada ; it is understood she left numerous descendants.

4 MARGARET, married John Jewell, of Greenburg, Westchester County, by whom she had two children, as follows :

5 ELIZABETH, married John Stormes, of Greenburgh, by whom she had several children, among whom is Jacob Stormes, a highly respected citizen of Tarrytown.

5 JOHN, married — Ferris, of Greenburgh, and has left numerous descendants.

3 *Second*, JOHN, was born at Newtown, September 9th,

1695, and married December 8th, 1720, Patience, daughter of Joseph Sacket, Esq. He was a wealthy farmer, possessing great perseverance and intelligence, and served in the magistracy of the county for many years. He died May 7th, 1765, leaving — sons and one daughter ; two sons and one daughter having died in his life time.

4 JOHN LAWRENCE, the eldest son of John Lawrence and Patience Sacket, and the great grandson of the first Thomas Lawrence, one of the brothers who first emigrated to America, was born 1721, left Newtown for New York at an early age, and became one of the most eminent merchants of that day. In 1759 he married Catharine, daughter of Hon. Philip Livingston, and sister of Governor William Livingston, of New Jersey. He had no issue by this marriage, and distributed his property among his brothers, after making ample provision for his widow. He died in 1764. The celebrated Whitfield, then in this country, pronounced his funeral sermon. The following obituary notice of the deceased is found in the "*New York Gazette, or Weekly Post-Boy*," of August 9, 1764 : " On Sunday night, about 11 o'clock, departed this life, after a tedious illness, which he bore with becoming resignation, *John Lawrence, Esq.*, Alderman of the *Dock Ward*, of this city, which office he filled with equal dignity and steadiness. On Monday his corpse was carried from his house in Dock Street, attended by the different clergy and a numerous train of relations and friends, who sympathised with each other in the loss of so worthy a relation, friend, and acquaintance, to the Presbyterian meeting-house, where, at a short notice, a most excellent discourse was given by Mr. Whitfield, who seemed to be particularly affected himself, a friendship having long subsisted between

them." His body was deposited in the family vault of the Right Honorable the Earl of Sterling in the yard of Trinity Church.

4 JOSEPH LAWRENCE, the second son of John Lawrence and Patience Sacket, died at Newtown, 1793, aged 70 ; he married Patience, aunt of the late Bishop Moore, of New York, and was universally respected. His son Richard, who went to Edinburgh to complete his medical education, died after his return, without issue. His sister Ann married Samuel Riker, Esq., who served Queens County in the Assembly in 1784, and was also a representative in Congress several years. He was the father of Hon. Richard Riker, late Recorder of New York, and his brother, John L. Riker, also of Jane, widow of the late Dr. William James Macneven.

4 NATHANIEL LAWRENCE, the third son of the said John Lawrence and Patience Sacket, died at St. Eustatia, in the West Indies, unmarried, in the year 1761, aged 34 ; he was settled and successfully engaged in trade at that place.

4 RICHARD LAWRENCE, the fourth son of the said John Lawrence and Patience Sacket, born in 1725, died in 1781, he held a commission as Captain of horse in the militia of Queens County, and after falling into the hands of the royalists, was sent to the Provost at New York, where he was for a long time confined, there contracting an illness which terminated his life. The devotedness of their cause which pervaded the body of whigs, is illustrated by the closing scene of this gentleman. The capture of Cornwallis occurred but a short time before his decease, and while languishing on his sick bed, the news of the capitulation was communicated to him. Assuring him of the truth, he declared his readiness to die now that the ultimate triumph of his country was secured. He left no issue.

4 WILLIAM LAWRENCE, the fifth son of the said John Lawrence and Patience Sacket, was for many years a magistrate of Queens County, and filled the station with usefulness. On the capture of Long Island in 1776, part of his house at Newton was the head-quarters of the British General Robertson, and himself and family were subjected to many of the exactions and vexations which others, who had rebel predelections, experienced from the invaders. He died in his sixty-fifth year; he was twice married, *first*, Ann Brinckerhoff, and by her had issue :

5 *First*, JOHN, born in 1753, died young.

5 *Second*, DEANTIE, married Abraham Lent, father of James Lent, member of Congress.

5 *Third*, PATIENCE, died young.

5 *Fourth*, JOHN, born 1758, died in 1817, married Patience, daughter of Samuel Riker, and had issue :

6 MADISON, SAMUEL.

6 LOUISA, married John Campbell.

6 JANE, married Benjamin F. Lee.

6 JULIA, married John P. Smith.

6 PATIENCE, married Timothy G. Churchill.

6 JOHN, died unmarried.

5 *Fifth*, CATHARINE, married Cornelius Luyster.

5 *Sixth*, WILLIAM, married Margaret Van Horn, had issue :

6 JAMES V. H., married, *first*, Emily, daughter of John Kane, *secondly*, ——— Smith, daughter of Dr. Gilbert Smith.

5 *Seventh*, RICHARD, a merchant at New York, born in 1765, died in 1816, married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Lawrence, she died in 1838, had issue :

6 THOMAS, married, *first*, Maria Greenoak, *secondly*, Catharine Ferris.

6 WILLIAM.

6 PETER MANIFOLD, married Phebe, daughter of Isaac Parish, he died in 1818.

6 ANN E., married Lambert Suydam.

6 RICHARD, married Caroline Noble, he died in 1836, had issue.

6 ISAAC, married, *first*, Julia, daughter of Josiah Sturges, *secondly*, Amelia Newton.

5 *Eighth*, ISAAC LAWRENCE, was a merchant in New York, and for several years President of the United States Branch Bank in that city, was born in 1768, and died in 1841, married Cornelia, daughter of Rev. Abraham Beach, D.D., minister of Trinity church, New York, had issue :

6 WILLIAM BEACH LAWRENCE, was Charge d'Affairs to London in 1827-8, and for many years Vice President of the New York Historical Society.

6 CORNELIA A., married James A. Hillhouse, of Sachem Wood, New Haven, Conn., author of "Hadad," "Percy's Masque," "The Judgment," &c.

6 HARRIET, married Dr. John A. Pool, of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

6 ISAPHENE C., married Dr. Benjamin McVickar.

6 JULIA B., married Thomas L. Wells.

6 MARIA E., married Rev. W. Ingraham Kip, formerly rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany, and now Episcopal Bishop of California.

6 HANNAH E., married Henry Whitney, she died in 1844.

4 THOMAS LAWRENCE, the sixth son of the said John Lawrence and Patience Sacket, was born in 1743, and died in his 84th year, in 1816. About the age of twenty-five he was appointed to the command of the ship Tartan, of eighteen guns, and made several cruises

in her from New York during the old French war. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Fish, Esq., of Newtown. Possessed of wealth, he settled on a farm on the shore of Flushing Bay. He was appointed, in 1784, one of the Judges of Queens County, and was distinguished for great decision of character, and by all the punctilious observances which characterize the *élèves* of the old school. He had a numerous family, most of whom he survived. His son,

5 NATHANIEL, born 1761, entered the North Carolina line of the regular American army as a lieutenant, after he had left Princeton College, and while under age. He was made prisoner by the enemy after behaving with great gallantry. In 1788 he was chosen from Queens County to the Convention which ratified the Constitution of the United States. He also held the office of Attorney General of this State from December 24, 1792, to November 30, 1795, and represented Queens County in Assembly in 1791-2-5 and 6, in which latter year he died, at the age of thirty-five. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Judge Berrien, late Attorney General of the United States. His only child,

6 MARGARET, is the wife of Philip P. Lindsley, President of Nashville University.

5 SARAH, married Richard Lawrence, son of William, an eminent and wealthy merchant.

5 THOMAS, married Maria, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Woodhull.

5 ELIZA, married John Wells, a very distinguished lawyer at the New York bar.

5 MARY, married, Adam Van Sinderen, a merchant of New York City.

5 JOHN T., a merchant in the concern of Lawrence, Van Sinderen & Co., married Eliza, daughter of Simon

Remsen, sister of the late Peter Remsen, merchant of New York.

5 JANE, died unmarried.

5 WILLIAM, a merchant, died unmarried, at New Orleans.

4 SAMUEL LAWRENCE, the seventh son of the said John Lawrence and Patience Sacket, was a man of great probity and imperturbable courage, united with great goodness of heart. The early loss of his wife and only child, and the confinement and bodily injury which he was subjected to during the possession of Long Island by the British troops, probably tended to increase the peculiarities that remarkably distinguished his character. These political injuries left in him a deep rooted hostility towards the British government, which time had no effect in softening, and none of his prayers were more unfeigned and probably more frequent than those for its overthrow. He died in 1810, at the age of seventy-five, leaving no issue.

4 JONATHAN LAWRENCE, the eighth son of John Lawrence and Patience Sacket, and great grandson of the first Thomas Lawrence, was born at Newtown, October 4, 1737, and early engaged in mercantile pursuits, visiting Europe and the West Indies under the direction, and in the employment of his eldest brother John, an eminent merchant of New York, and connecting himself afterwards in commercial affairs, as a partner of the house of Watson, Murray, and Lawrence. His own gains, the property left him by his said brother John, his portion of the estate of his brother Nathaniel, who died unmarried in the West Indies, and the patrimony derived from his parent, enabled him to retire from business, when about thirty-four years of age. He purchased a residence at Hurlgate, which had be-

longed to his great grandfather, Thomas Lawrence, (one of the three above named emigrating brothers,) intending to enjoy the ease which his pecuniary circumstances seemed to secure to him. The agitating questions between the mother country and her colonies, soon, however, forbade him to be inactive. In 1774 we find him a leading member of the political committees of Newtown; his efforts and the influence of his brothers and relatives there, contributed to redeem the town from the ill-timed loyalty which distinguished most of the other portions of the country. In 1775 he was appointed a member of the provincial congress that met at New York. In 1776 he was again deputed to that body, and was afterwards elected to the convention of 1776-7, which formed the first constitution of this state. He had previously, in 1772, received the commission of captain in the provincial militia from the royal government; and on the organization of the militia by the provincial congress in 1775, he was appointed major of the brigade, composed of the militia of Queens and Suffolk, of which Nathaniel Woodhull, Esq., was at the same time appointed general. He accompanied that brave officer in the expedition ordered by the convention in 1776, to prevent the supplies of Long Island falling into the hands of the invaders, and was probably saved from participating in the sad fate of his gallant commander, by having been dispatched by him to the convention at Harlem for further orders; and having been thereupon sent by that body to General Washington to endeavor to obtain the additional force that had been promised, from the army at Brooklyn. During the time spent in these military operations, the battle of Long Island had been fought, much of the island had fallen under the controul of the

enemy, and stragglers from their ranks had spread over it, in search of booty. All personal communication with his family being cut off, he could only trust to sending a letter secretly to advise them of his situation, and to direct their future course. The convention had adjourned from Harlaem, and sought a place of more safety for their deliberation, at Fishkill. His anxiety for his family was soon relieved by the presence of Mrs. Lawrence and his five children, accompanied by her sister-in-law, the wife of Abraham Riker, Esq., a captain in the American army, who afterwards died in camp, at Valley Forge, in 1778. The house had, at a late hour of the night, been visited by soldiers clamorous for food and plunder. Amusing them with refreshments in the kitchen, the ladies, by the aid of some female servants, conveyed the children (the oldest aged 9 years, and the youngest a little more than one year) from their beds to a boat at the river side, secured a few articles of clothing, and a small chest containing some money, plate and other valuables; and embarking under the guidance of a faithful slave, crossed the river amid the darkness, unmolested, to Great Barn Island, leaving the house and the rest of the property to the mercy of the invaders. At daylight, they obtained a boat on the opposite side of the Island, and in safety reached Harlaem; thus exchanging the plenty and comforts which a short time had blessed their home, for a state of poverty, and a more than seven years' exile.

From this time Mr. Lawrence was the only attending member of the convention, from the county of Queens. On the 9th of May, 1777, he, William Harper, and Matthew Cantine, were appointed commissioners to superintend the manufacture of gun flints, sulphur, lead, and salt; the want of which was severely felt, and which could not then be obtained from abroad. In the

course of his duties, he visited the Oneida Indians, procured the holding of a council of their chiefs, made satisfactory experiments on the waters of some of the salt springs, in the western part of the State, and contracted with the Indians for such salt as they might be able to produce. Some veins of excellent lead-ore were also discovered, but not in sufficient quantity to justify the working of them. The supplies afterwards obtained from France and elsewhere superseded the necessity of further efforts on the part of the commissioners.

On the adoption of the state constitution in 1777, and the organization of the government it became impracticable for those parts of the southern district possessed by the enemy, to elect representatives to the legislature, and the convention deemed it their duty to appoint members of assembly for those counties; they also chose LEWIS MORRIS, PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, JOHN MORIN SCOTT, JONATHAN LAWRENCE, WILLIAM FLOYD, WILLIAM SMITH, ISAAC ROOSEVELT, JOHN JONES, PHILIP LIVINGSTONE, to be senators of the district, till others could be elected in their places, as prescribed by the ordinances of the convention. Mr. Lawrence served under this appointment during the remainder of the war. In 1778 he was appointed a commissioner to execute a law for completing the five continental battalions, raised under the directions of this State, the duties of which office he successfully performed. On the arrival of Count d'Estaing's squadron off Sandy Hook, and in the hope of aiding an enterprise that might hasten the termination of the contest, Mr. Lawrence, with other volunteers, joined the fleet in the expedition against Rhode Island, embarking on the 20th of July from Black Point in New Jersey. He was assigned to the man-of-war L'Hector, of seventy-four guns Captain Mories. The wind was unfavorable; and on their arri-

val off Newport, much delay ensued from the state of the weather and other circumstances ; and it was not till the 6th of August, 1778, that they were enabled to get into the harbor, which was effected under an incessant fire from Brenton's Point, Fort Island, and other places. Most of the troops had been landed on the 9th, when the fleet of Lord Howe, anchoring off the harbor, a re-embarkation was ordered ; and the next day, the wind favoring, the French fleet cut their cables and stood out of port, exposed to an increased fire from the forts guarding the passage. Of the two men killed on board the Hector by this fire, one was dashed to pieces by a cannon ball at the side of Mr. Lawrence, who stood so near him as to be covered with his blood and the fragments of his body. Howe also cut his cables and proceeded to sea, and after much retreating on his part and manœuvring for the weather gage, which continued until the 11th, the fleets had been brought into such a position, as to render an engagement apparently inevitable, when a storm ensued, which shattered and dispersed the hostile ships, and induced them respectively to seek repairs in the ports of Boston and New York. In consequence of this result, General Sullivan had to withdraw the American forces from Rhode Island ; and Mr. Lawrence, after an absence of about six weeks, reached his residence at Rhinebeck. In October following, he was chosen by the assembly to be the member of the council of appointment from the southern district, being the 2d appointment to that station under the constitution. His term of office expired in October, 1779. In February, 1780, Mr. Lawrence, Isacc Stoutenburg, of New York, and Stephen Ward of Westchester, were appointed commissioners of forfeitures for the southern district of New York, and on the 15th of August, was

made one of the commissioners of sequestration for Dutchess county.

On the 15th of June, and on the 9th of October, 1780, acts were passed by the legislature for raising a sum in specie, the better to secure the redemption of the bills of the new emission, then contemplated by the continental congress, whose former emission would command but one-fortieth part in gold or silver, of the nominal amount. Mr. Lawrence was, immediately after the passage of the last-mentioned act, placed at the head of the commission for the southern and middle districts, and John Lansing, Jun., (afterwards Chancellor of the State,) at the head of the commission. In the duties of this office, Mr. Lawrence was actively engaged in 1781. He was again a member of the council of appointment in 1782. In 1783, he opposed, though unsuccessfully, the passage of a bill declaring those described therein, who had adhered to the enemy, to have been aliens from the date of the Declaration of Independence. This bill was clearly in violation of the provisional treaty of peace, and would, if adopted as a law, have produced endless confusion and difficulty on Long Island and elsewhere, beggaring numerous families who had purchased lands *bona fide*, from persons thus declared to have had *no title* to them, or who had been prevented, more by their fears than their preferences, from joining the patriotic party. Mr. Lawrence resisted it with great zeal, but his views being opposed by Scott, Schuyler, and others of the ablest members of the Senate, he, Mr. Oothout and Smith, of Suffolk, stood alone on the final passage of the bill. It was carried with still greater unanimity in the assembly. Having passed both houses less than ten days before their adjournment, the council of revision exercised its prerogative of retaining the bill until the first day of

the ensuing session in 1784, when a new election for senators and assemblymen having taken place, and men's minds had time to cool, the objections of the council were acquiesced in by the senate, where it had originated, with but one dissenting voice, and the law was consequently rejected.

Peace being concluded in September, 1783, Mr. Lawrence was enabled to visit his long deserted home. He found his land stripped of its timber and fences, his stock and furniture destroyed or removed, and his house, having been occupied by British officers, greatly injured. During his long exile, he had not only exhausted those means which had been saved from the enemy, the gains which he had occasionally been enabled to make during its continuance, and numerous sums owing to him, but had also contracted debts, which the sale of his lands and other resources would little more than repay. Having now at the age of forty-seven, a large family to support and educate, he resolved to recommence business in the city of New York, and endeavor to repair his ruined fortune. Though nearly destitute of pecuniary means, he found himself in good credit; yet his mercantile pursuits were not productive of all the benefit he had anticipated. The lands belonging to the State being offered for sale, he embarked somewhat largely in the purchase of them, and by resale from time to time, not only avoided the bankruptcy which befell other purchasers, but found himself in comfortable circumstances, with a considerable surplus of land unsold. His fortunes gradually improving until the time of his death, he was enabled to distribute a very considerable estate among his family. The result was aided by a well-regulated economy, equally removed from wastefulness and parsimony. Although he declined again to be returned to the legis-

lature, he was not an indifferent spectator of passing events. He took an active part in the reelection of Governor George Clinton ; and when the Constitution had been ratified by the requisite number of States, he was anxious for the concurrence of this State ; from which period he acted uniformly with the republican party of the Union. His death occurred in the city of New York, at the age of seventy-five, on the 4th of September, 1812. He was twice married ; *first*, to Judith, daughter of Nathaniel Fish, who died at the age of eighteen years ; *secondly*, to Ruth, daughter of Andrew Riker, of Newtown, who survived him.

4 As the children of MAJOR JONATHAN LAWRENCE (so called by his revolutionary associates,) have filled a considerable space in the political and social institutions of the country, I have deemed it due to the memory of such of them as have passed from amongst us, as well as to the only two survivors of that numerous and intelligent family, to extend their history to the present time.

5 JONATHAN, the eldest and only child of Judith Fish, was born in the city of New York, on the 20th of June, 1767, and died on the 10th of June, 1850, being within ten days of the age of 83 years. After the return of his father and family to this city, and the incorporation of the Bank of New York, he became a clerk in that institution, until after the lapse of a few years, he united with Henry Whitney in the commercial firm of Lawrence & Whitney, which terminated with the death of Mr. Whitney and the political complications with Great Britain which followed his decease.

At the request of his friends, he accepted the office of President of the Merchant's Fire Insurance Company, which he held until the infirmities of age and the urgent desires of his family induced him to resign.

His integrity in matters of business, and the courteousness and popularity of his deportment in private life, led to his nomination and election to the Board of Aldermen of this city, although he seldom was mingled with political circles. His children were :

6 *First*, HENRY, for many years a merchant at Manilla, E. I., where he accumulated an ample fortune, and now in his native city enjoys the fruit of his enterprise in elegant retirement.

6 *Second*, WILLIAM ANSON, a merchant at Canton, (China,) where he died ; universally respected by his associates before his departure, and especially by a literary society with which he had been connected. His remains, on their arrival from Canton, were interred under a costly monument in Greenwood Cemetery, erected by a resolution of the society, and inscribed an affectionate reminiscence of the qualities of his heart and mind.

6 JONATHAN, a Counsellor-at-Law in this city, was educated in his profession in the office of the late William Slosson, and was afterwards connected with him in his professional engagements until the connection was dissolved by the death of that eminent lawyer. The leisure moments of this young survivor, were devoted to literary pursuits not very congenial (though they were not suffered to interfere) with an industrious discharge of his professional engagements. Many of his poetical essays have found their way to the press amongst the choicest effusions of the American muse ; and (as the author died at the age of 26) have been the cause of much regret that a career so promising in its commencement, should not have been permitted to reach a riper maturity.

6 *Third*, RICHARD, is now living, an enterprising and successful merchant of New York.

6 *Fourth* and *Fifth*, ISABELLA and JUDITH, both died young and unmarried.

6 *Sixth*, MARGARET, married Barzillai Slosson, son of William Slosson, before-named, and brother of the present Judge Slosson, of the Superior Court. She has for many years been a resident of Geneva, in this State, where her husband, an eloquent and talented lawyer, has held offices of trust and importance under the General and State governments. They have a numerous family of children, some of which are residents of New York city.

6 *Seventh*, ADRIANA, the youngest of the daughters, married W. T. Whittemore, formerly a merchant in the same city, but now established in Liverpool, England.

The children of Jonathan Lawrence, who died in 1812, by his second wife, Ruth Riker, are as follows :

5 *First*, JUDITH, born at Hellgate, Newtown, Queens County, June 27, 1769, married John Ireland, by whom she had nine children, four of whom died in their infancy. 6 The survivors—MARGARET, married Thomas Lawrence, a wealthy merchant of this city, who died in 1848, leaving children as follows :

7 HORATIO IRELAND, who married Mary Romaine, daughter of Samuel B. Romaine, who was formerly distinguished in political life, and held the office of Speaker of the Assembly of this State.

7 LOUISA, married Bradish Johnson, a wealthy and deservedly respected resident of New York, and an extensive planter of Louisiana.

7 MARGARET, married W. E. Witmerding, an eminent and wealthy merchant, by whom she had three children, and after her death he continued his affinity to her family by marrying her sister, Eleanor, who is yet living.

7 EDWARD LAWRENCE, married Julia Schuyler, and now resides in the town of Marshall, Michigan.

7 JOHN, married Anne Stanton, of Albany, N. Y., and resides at Islip, L. I.

7 CORNELIA, married George Witmerding, also a resident in Islip, L. I.

7 WILLIAM R., married Mary E. Crandall, he died in 1855, leaving two infant children.

7 FRANCIS COOPER, married Fanny Garner, daughter of Thomas C. Garner, of the city of New York.

JULIA J., married Horace Waldo, Jr., of same city, merchant.

5 JUDITH IRELAND, grand-parent of the above, had other children, as follows: her son, 6 JOHN L., who for many years resided on the western side of Seneca Lake, returned to the city of New York and devoted his time to the care and management of the extensive property belonging to his father, after whose death he was engaged in its subdivision and distribution. He married a daughter of Colonel Nicoll Floyd, of Suffolk County, and grand-daughter of General William Floyd, *one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence*. Mr. Ireland, yet living, has two children, of whom John, after spending many years in visiting almost every part of the world accessible to travelers, is now a practising lawyer at the New York bar.

6 WILLIAM BUSTEED, son of John and Judith, resides on Washington Square, upon the income of his paternal estate, which by judicious investments has been increased under his management. He married Anne Wait, and has two sons, both of whom are farmers.

6 ANDREW LAWRENCE IRELAND, the youngest son of Judith, was born in 1808, and is still unmarried. After the death of his parents he commenced travelling over Europe, and extended his visits to almost every part of

the habitable globe, Europe, Asia, Africa, and part of his own country were the subjects of his toilsome journeys. After several years of exploration through civilized and savage nations, he returned to his native city—has become an active supporter of democratic doctrines—and has retired to a beautiful island in the Scroon Lake, which he has adorned with suitable improvements and appropriate architecture.

His retreat has been visited by eminent Europeans, who have borne testimony through the foreign press, to the beauty of that romantic spot amongst their delineations of American scenery, and to the hospitality of its owner.

6 LOUISA ANNA IRELAND, born 31st of December, 1800, she was three times married, first, to Henry Nicholl, by whom she had three children, Elizabeth Smith, who married Alexander Hamilton, grandson and namesake of General Alexander Hamilton; second, Mary Louisa, who married Major Henry Wayne, of the United States Army, and third Judith, who married William Blair, a captain in the United States Army, each of whom have children. Mr. Nicoll died in 1829, and his widow in 1831, married John Holly Smith, a lieutenant in the United States Army, by whom she had three children, the eldest of which died in infancy; the second, Emeline B., married Dr. James Sellers—since dead—and third, Catharine Floyd, who married Shepherd Knapp, Jr., son of the President of the Mechanic's Bank. Mr. Smith died in 1836, and his widow married Robert Smith in the early part of 1845, and died before the expiration of that year, leaving no issue by her last marriage.

5 MARGARET the second daughter of Jonathan Lawrence and Ruth Riker, born at Hellgate in Newtown, Long Island, January 13, 1771. Died in the City of

New York on the 18th of December, 1851, unmarried, aged 81 years.

5 SAMUEL, the first son of Jonathan Lawrence and Ruth Riker, born at Hellgate on the 23d of May, 1773. Died at his residence at Cayuta Lake, in Chemung now Schuyler County, on the 20th of October, 1837, aged 64 years. He was educated a lawyer in the office of his cousin, Nathaniel Lawrence, then Attorney-General of the State, and with him visited various remote parts of the State, at that time scantily settled. He had been in practice but a few years, when he was appointed a Judge of the Marine Court, he was afterwards elected a member of assembly from the City of New York, and during the latter part of his residence was appointed to the combined office of clerk of the city and register. In the year 1814, he in company with his brother Joseph, removed with their families to a patrimonial estate on the margin of Cayuta Lake, where he resided during life. He was there again chosen a representative in assembly, and in 1816 an elector of president and vice-president, and in 1820 a representative of his district in the Congress of the United States. Samuel Lawrence married Elizabeth Ireland, daughter of John Ireland, by his first wife, and had a numerous family of children of which ELIZABETH was married to S. Richardson of this city.

6 JONATHAN, educated a physician, married Mary Richardson who died a very few years after their union, and left one son Samuel, now travelling with his father in Europe.

6 HENRIETTA, married to Isaac Richardson, and died not long after her marriage, leaving a daughter Henrietta yet young.

6 SAMUEL, a member of our State Legislature in 1847, visited California a few years since, and spent

considerable time in the mines of Sierra Nevada. Purchased an estate in the vicinity of Marysville, and is now residing at the paternal estate on Cayuta Lake, unmarried. Cornelia Ruth, married Thomson Richardson, who died in 1850 without issue. John and Abraham, both living are yet unmarried, and also Jane Gahn a surviving daughter. Richard, William, Horatio, and Margaret died at a very early age.

5 *Fourth*, ANDREW, the second son of Jonathan Lawrence and Ruth Riker, was born at Hellgate, in Newtown, Long Island, on the 17th July, 1775, while yet a boy he determined to become a sailor. In the year 1788 or 1789, he studied navigation, and took his first practical lesson in seamanship in the ship Washington, Captain Hodgkinson, a ship distinguished by her expensive equipment for a voyage to Canton in China, being only the second vessel that left the port of New York on so remote an adventure. In the course of a few years by steady and persevering attention to the profession he had adopted, he became a skillful navigator, and at the age of nineteen commanded a ship in the European trade.

After experiencing the vicissitudes in fortune common to an adventurous seafaring life, during a period in which American commerce became a prey to the belligerent navies of England and France, he died in April, 1806, of the African fever, in one of the Dutch factory islands, near an outlet of that river, which has since been discovered to be the ancient *Niger*.

5 *Fifth*. RICHARD M. LAWRENCE, third son of Jonathan Lawrence, by Ruth Riker, was born in Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, January 12th, 1778, and died at his residence, in the city of New York, on the 4th of July, 1856, in the 79th year of his age. He was educated a merchant, and first adventured in business at Savannah,

in the State of Georgia. He next visited the West Indies and transacted a considerable amount of commission business during the short war between the United States and France. He was next engaged by parties desirous of adventuring in the importation of piece goods from Calcutta. In this trade, as supercargo, he visited the Indies four times, in the last of which he took with him his brother Joseph, as assistant. He afterwards took charge of a valuable shipment to Cadiz, and during the war against the Emperor of France by the combined forces in the Peninsula of Spain and Portugal, conducted under the Duke of Wellington, was a resident and extensive American commission agent in Lisbon. He returned to New York in the early part of 1815, and was soon after chosen successively Vice-President of the National and President of the Union Insurance Company, both of this city; was for many years one of the Governors of the New York Hospital, and an active member of the committees who conducted the affairs of the Insane Asylum. He was for many years a trustee of the Public School Society, and by his assiduity and influence, aided essentially in raising to its present attitude the Manhattan Gaslight Company from the depression into which it had fallen in the infancy of its establishment.

5 ABRAHAM R. LAWRENCE, the 4th son of Jonathan Lawrence and Ruth Riker, was born in New Hackensack, Dutchess county, on the 18th of December, 1780, and was a graduate of Columbia College, in 1797. He was educated a merchant in the store of Lieut. Governor Broome, and at the age of twenty-one united in business with his cousin, John Lawrence, with whom he continued as a partner for nearly ten years. On closing that concern, he took into partnership his youngest brother, William T. Lawrence, who will be entitled to

special notice in the sequel. In the year 1807, Mr. Lawrence became deeply interested in the success of the Democratic Republican party, of which *Thomas Jefferson* was regarded as chief; and as the period was approaching in which a competent successor to that great statesman was to be chosen, a convention of the republican members of both houses of Congress was assembled to determine upon a candidate, and the choice of the majority was James Madison. An alarming opposition was immediately manifested by persons who had other views, and to concentrate the hostile influence under a powerful chief, the old revolutionary governor and veteran general of this State, George Clinton, was announced as Mr. Madison's rival. The introduction into the controversy of so distinguished a candidate, although it was evidently calculated to spread disunion through the ranks of the Democratic party, controlled, nevertheless, the State at large, *but was successfully combatted in the city of New York*, and by no one more efficiently than the subject of this article. Mr. Madison was elected for two successive terms, and the successful operations of the government under his long career of service evinced the correctness and wisdom of the selection. During the winter of 1812-13, a most important measure was presented to Congress by the importing trade throughout the United States, on application for relief from penalties under the non-importation act. The amount involved was nearly twenty millions of dollars. Committees were deputed to Washington to press upon Congress the desired relief, from the citizens of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Charleston. After a long struggle, in which the ablest orators of Congress were enlisted, the relief was granted by very small majorities; and the New York committee, consisting of the late John G. Coster, John Mason, Wash-

ington Irving and Abraham R. Lawrence, returned with a triumphant report to their constituents. In 1818, an act was passed, establishing the office of appraiser of imported goods, to prevent supposed impositions from being undetected in entries at the custom-house. Two appointments were made for each of the principal cities on the seaboard of the Atlantic, and A. R. Lawrence was one appointed for the port of New York. This office he held for eleven years, and was superseded with the collector, Jonathan Thompson and others, by individuals friendly to the election of General Jackson to the presidency, which Mr. Lawrence and others had opposed.

In 1836, Mr. Lawrence became President of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company, being the successor to the late John Mason. At the time of his election, the road was scarcely passable to Yorkville, and excavations of rock were afterwards made as low down as 14th street. During his administration of the affairs of that Company, the rock excavations were deepened throughout; the spacious tunnel leading to Harlem was perforated and completed; the deep and massive stone causeways, with the bridge over Harlem Creek, were erected, and the road extended and completed from the city hall to Harlem river.

After Mr. Lawrence's resignation of the presidency of that Company, in 1840, the political party to which he was attached, supported him on their ticket for Congress and for elector of President of the United States, in both of which he was unsuccessful; he was, nevertheless, chosen, in 1847, Alderman of the 8th Ward, which previously had favored an opposite political interest. He is yet living at his residence in the city of New York, at an advanced age.

5 JOSEPH LAWRENCE, the 5th son of Jonathan Lawrence and Ruth Riker, was born at Dover, in Dutchess county, May 5th, 1783, and was also educated a merchant in the store of the late John J. Glover ; and on completing his minority, embarked with his brother, Richard, as an assistant supercargo for India. Not long after his return, he was invited to take charge of a very valuable shipment for Calcutta for the same investment in East India piece goods.

On returning to New York, he was married to Mary Sackett, daughter of John and Elizabeth Gibbs Sackett, of Newtown, Long Island.

The difficulties in which our commerce was involved by the contending fleets of France and England, induced him to engage in farming, as a convenient and safe retreat from the hazards of trade. He first turned his attention to a farm, in Westchester county, but finally determined to unite with his brother, Samuel, in settling upon a patrimonial tract of land at Cayuta Lake, in the county of Chemung. His health was impaired by his efforts to subdue and bring into culture the land he had undertaken to improve. He returned, in consequence of his illness, to Newtown, with his family, in the fall of 1816, and after lingering under a wasting disease until the spring of 1817, when attempting to travel across land to his farm, under the care of a brother who attended him on his journey, he became entirely prostrated by labor and exhaustion, and died at Bloomingburg, town of Mamakating, Sullivan county, on the 28th of April, 1817. He left four children—two sons—Andrew and Joseph A. ; the first unmarried, and Joseph, married to Eliza Gorsline, daughter of Peter Gorsline, of Newtown ; also two daughters, Elizabeth-Anna, who married James Moore, and Mary Ruth, who married Doctor

Stryker, then resident physician of Newtown, since dead. All the married children of Joseph and Mary Sackett have children now living.

5 JOHN L., the 6th son of Jonathan Lawrence and Ruth Riker, was born in the city of New York on the 2nd of October, 1785. He graduated at Columbia College in the year 1803; studied law in the office of his brother Samuel, and began his professional career in or about the year 1806. Not long after was elected by the directors attorney for the New York branch of the United States Bank.

In 1814 he received the appointment of Secretary of Legation to Sweden, and on the return of the resident Minister, became United States Charge at Stockholm. After accomplishing the purposes of that mission, so far as it fell to his management, he was permitted to return, and on his arrival in New York at the moment selections were to be made of candidates for elective officers for our State, he was nominated and duly elected a member of Assembly for this city. In 1820 he was elected a member of the Convention of 1821, for amending the Constitution of the State, and presided over committees of the whole house with distinguished correctness during the debates on many of the most exciting subjects for discussion. In 1824 he was appointed, on the resignation of Mr. Kip, Assistant Register of the Court of Chancery in this city, and held that office of high trust and confidence under the successive Chancellors, Sanford, Jones and Walworth. In 1840 he was chosen an elector for President and Vice-President of the United States; was afterwards elected a State Senator from the district in which he resided, to serve from 1847 to 1849, and in 1840 was appointed by the Corporation of New York city, Comptroller of the treasury, and died of the prevailing epidemic of that

year, on the 24th of July, thus relinquishing with his life two of the most responsible offices of the city and State.

Mr. Lawrence was married, after his return from Sweden, to Sarah Augusta, daughter of General John Smith, of Suffolk county, late a Senator from the State of New York in the Congress of the United States, by whom he had eleven children, all of whom are living excepting Mary, who died quite young in this city, and Richard, who died at Manilla, in the East Indies.

6 The eldest son, JOHN SMITH, is in full practice as Counsellor-at-Law at the New York bar.

6 ELIZABETH, the eldest daughter, married Alfred H. Lawrence of New York city.

6 MARGARET, married J. W. Walsh, of Brooklyn.

6 ANNE MIDDLETON, married John Suydam, and resides at Saville, on Long Island.

6 WILLIAM THOMAS, married Sophy Tilley, and resides in the city of New York.

6 SARAH A., unmarried, and the youngest daughter,

6 LYDIA SMITH, are both residing with their mother in the same city.

6 CHARLES WILLIAM holds an office in the Street Department of the city of New York, under the Common Council.

6 ABRAHAM R., is assistant-counsel for the Corporation.

5 WILLIAM T. LAWRENCE, the 7th son of Jonathan Lawrence and Ruth Riker, was born in New York city May 7, 1788. At an early age he entered the store of his brother, Abraham R. Lawrence, and became a correct accountant and a well-informed merchant. On reaching a competent age he united with the same brother as a partner. In the year 1825, he married Margaret Sophia Muller, the daughter of *Remburtus F.*

Muller, originally of Amsterdam, in Holland, who had in early life visited the island of St. Martins, a dependency of Holland ; was long a resident there, and during the first French revolution, became governor of that colony.

Mr. Muller, before his removal to New York, married Catherine Gibbes, daughter of John S. Gibbes, who, by appointment of the government at home, had preceded Mr. Muller in the government of the island of St. Martins ; and in regard to this family of Gibbes, it may be incidentally stated that the kindred connections of Gibbes, Storkyis and Herliger, held severally, by the same appointment of the Dutch government, the office of governor of St. Martins during successive generations. Mr. Lawrence, after his marriage, removed to that part of the patrimonial land which had fallen to his share, on the eastern side of the Cayuta Lake. He there made expensive and valuable improvements, and being possessed of practical and sound understanding and a liberal heart, he soon became a political adviser amongst his neighbors, and a favorite throughout his district. In the year 1839 he was appointed judge of the county of Tompkins, and in 1847, was nominated for a member of Congress in the district composed of the counties of Tompkins, Chemung and Yates, and was elected to that office, although on previous elections that district had given large majorities in favor of the adverse party. This gentleman is yet living, and has lost nothing of the respect and confidence of those whose attachment to him had thus far ministered to his political and judicial elevation.

4 COL. DANIEL LAWRENCE, the 9th son of John Lawrence and Patience Sacket, was, like his brother Jonathan, an exile from his home from 1776 to 1783, and served as a member of Assembly from Queens, under

the ordinance of the Convention of 1777, and from that year till the termination of the war. He married Miss Eve Van Horn of New York, a lady of a highly respectable family in the city of New York, and died, leaving numerous descendants, in 1807, at the age of sixty-eight years. Their children were :

5 *First*, JOHN, died unmarried.

5 *Second*, NATHANIEL, married Agatha Rapelje, sister to John Rapelje.

5 *Third*, DANIEL, died unmarried.

5 *Fourth*, ABRAHAM.

5 *Fifth*, CATHARINE, married Albert Luyster of Newtown, Long Island.

5 *Sixth*, ANNA, married Thomas Bloodgood ; no issue.

5 *Seventh*, MARY, married John Rapelje of Newtown, Long Island.

3 NATHANIEL, the third son of John Lawrence and Deborah Woodhull, married May 23, 1728, Susanna, daughter of Thomas Alsop, of Newtown. Had issue :

4 *First*, DEBORAH, born March 3, 1728. No children.

4 *Second*, ELIZABETH, born January 24, 1730. No children.

4 *Third*, NATHANIEL, born October 18, 1732 ; married and had issue :

5 JAMES DUNCAN, sailing-master of a seventy-four gun ship in the British navy. He died at sea, without issue.

5 NATHANIEL, born in 1763 ; married Catharine, daughter of John Lawrence and — Beekman ; had issue :

6 CAROLINE, married, *first*, — Abeel ; *second*, — Gould.

6 CATHARINE, married Captain Gallagher of the United States navy.

6 ELIZABETH, married Charles Clarkson.

6 JULIA, married Phineas H. Buckley.

6 CORNELIA.

6 CHARLOTTE.

6 JOHN CLARKSON, of the United States navy, died on his passage from Africa in a United States ship.

6 CHARLES, a lieutenant in the United States navy ; died abroad, without issue.

4 *Fourth*, RICHARD, born April 5, 1725 , no children.

4 *Fifth*, HANNAH, born May 16, 1737.

4 *Sixth*, MARY, born June 29, 1739.

4 *Seventh*, SUSANNAH, born January 3, 1742-3.

4 *Eighth*, JOHN, born March 25, 1745 ; married — Beekman ; had issue :

5 JOHN, died at sea ; no issue.

5 CATHERINE, married Nathaniel Lawrence, son of Nathaniel, and brother of James Duncan Lawrence of the British navy.

2 **Daniel Lawrence**, the fourth son of the first Thomas, Lawrence, removed early from Newtown.

2 **Jonathan Lawrence**, the fifth son of the first Thomas, married and had issue :

3 *First*, RICHARD.

3 *Second*, THOMAS ; will dated May 13, 1752.

3 *Third*, JONATHAN LAWRENCE, obtained a farm from his father in 1723, situated on the banks of the Bronx, in Westchester county, where he resided some time, but subsequently, in 1779, purchasing the seat and farm, consisting of 504 acres, of the Ludlow family, in Tappan, Rockland county, he afterwards resided there. He married Mary Betts, of Newtown, Long Island, and had issue :

4 *First*, CAPTAIN JONATHAN LAWRENCE, a merchant of New York ; was one of the commissioners appointed

to superintend the building of Fort Washington. He was a captain in the American army during the revolution, participating in the battle of Monmouth. He married Elizabeth Van Kleeck, and had issue :

5 ELIZABETH, married Alexander Young of Ulster county.

5 CATHERINE, married David Mann of Rockland county.

5 THOMAS, born in 1775 ; married Sarah, daughter of Nehemiah Smith, and settled in Ulster county, New York ; had nine children.

5 JONATHAN, born in 1759 ; married, *first*, Jeanette Neale ; resides in Rockland county ; has issue :

6 HURBERT, married Sarah Martin of New York.

6 CHARLES G., married Elizabeth Landen of Burlington, New Jersey.

6 ELEANOR, married John Weld. *Secondly*, he married Mary Mann, had issue :

6 JONATHAN, married Sarah Gesner.

6 GEORGE, married Maria Jaycox, and resides in Rockland county.

6 JEANETT.

4 *Second*, ISAAC, born in 1729, and died April 12, 1781, aged 52 years. He removed to Elizabethtown, New Jersey ; married Mary Ann, daughter of Jonathan Hampton, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey ; she died December 21, 1818, aged 81, had issue :

5 JONATHAN H., a merchant at New York, born Feb. 9, 1763, died June 4, 1844. Married, January 9, 1788, Joannah, daughter of John Blanchard, of Chatham, New Jersey ; she died March 2, 1834, had issue :

6 JOHN BLANCHARD, born December 8, 1788, died at Natchez, April 26, 1821.

6 ISAAC, born November 6, 1790, died in 1791.

6 WILLIAM HAMPTON, born at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, March 20, 1792, died at sea April 23, 1832.

6 SARAH CHILDS, born in 1796, died young.

6 MARIAN HAMPTON, born September 25, 1797, married John Le Conte.

6 EDWARD HENRY, born Nov. 16, 1801, died unmarried at Staten Island, in 1845.

6 JOANNAH, born at Basking Ride, New Jersey, December 4, 1803.

6 ALFRED, born in 1806, died young.

6 JOSEPH, born August 12, 1809, married at New York, October 23, 1844, Marian Burritt.

4 *Third*, JOHN, married Catharine Riker, and removed to Richmond county, New York. He died in 1767 ; had issue :

5 NICHOLAS.

5 ESTELL, born in 1738, married Mary A. Jones, of New Jersey, and settled in Charleston, South Carolina.

5 ANN and CATHARINE.

4 *Fourth*, RICHARD, died in the West Indies, unmarried.

4 *Fifth*, DAVID, of Plattskill, Ulster county, New York, married Phœbe Simmons, had issue :

5 DANIEL, HELENA.

5 MARY, married Reuben Burnett.

4 *Sixth*, NATHANIEL, died unmarried.

4 *Seventh*, DAVID, married — Poppins.

4 *Eighth*, THOMAS, married — Leggett, had issue :

5 SAMUEL, JONATHAN, and STEPHEN.

5 JOHN, removed to Beaufort, South Carolina.

4 *Ninth*, MARY, married Samuel Betts, of Newtown, Long Island.

LAWRENCE AND TOWNLEY CONNECTION.

Extracted from the documents of Lewis P. Hunt, on his return from England in November, 1857, which is the most reliable information that has yet been made public in relation to the above named families.

The Townley Estate is of many millions, and situated in Lancashire.

The Lawrence Estate is in Chancery.

The two families of Lawrence and Townley are connected by the marriage of Joseph Lawrence with Mary Townley, daughter of Sir Richard Townley, of England, who was possessed of considerable Estate in Lancashire.

The foundation of this family of the Townley, is this :

Richard Townley, Esq., the ancestor of Townley of Lancaster, born in 1628, married Margaret Paston, daughter of Clemant Paston, Esq., of Barnington, in Norfolk, and had thirteen children, to wit :

First, Clemant, *second*, Richard, both died young ; *third*, Charles, heir to his father ; *fourth*, John, died in infancy ; *fifth*, John, a monk ; *sixth*, Richard, born in 1664 ; *seventh*, Thomas, born in 1668 ; *eighth* Mary, married Joseph Lawrence ; *ninth*, Anne ; *tenth*, Dorothy, married to Francis Howard, Esq., of Corby, in Cumberland, afterwards Lord Effingham ; *eleventh*, Frances, married to Cuthbert Kennet, Esq., of Coxhow ; *twelfth*, Margaret, and *thirteenth*, Cicely, both nuns, and died at Fasser St. Victoir, in Paris.

William Townley, Esq., of Townley, grandson and successor to the above Richard, was married to the only daughter and sole heir of Ralph Standish, Esq., of Standish, by Lady Philippa Howard, daughter of Henry

Howard, sixth Duke of Norfolk ; and are consequently connected :

The Lawrence Estate and Townley ;

The Townley Estate and Standish ;

And the Lawrence Estate.

Not one of those three estates has been settled yet ; so upon proving the relationship to one of those three families, Lawrence, Townley, and Standish, this relation would by possibility be entitled to those three estates.

Examination in the special Lawrence case or cases in America.

The parties in America are producing a certificate of marriage of Richard Lawrence, son of Joseph Lawrence, with Hannah Bowne.

Those two names John, and Joseph, keep in the family, and found in the Lawrence pedigree of England. First reason to believe that there is a connection between these two families.

The date of the marriage and the birth are also perfectly corresponding.

This Richard, the son of Joseph, was married in 1717, he must be supposed to be born about from 1680, to 1690.

The brothers formerly said to have gone to America about 1635. This Joseph, was son, no doubt to one of those two brothers.

We must conclude from those premises and facts, that the pedigree from America, as descending from William Lawrence and Elizabeth Smith, as being the father and mother of Joseph Lawrence and Mary Townley, who have great chance of success.

The great point in that matter should be to identify the first ancestor, William Lawrence, to the second ancestor, Joseph Lawrence, as being connected with this

American Lawrence family, as originally coming from England.

One strong opinion is, that the pedigree in the Lawrence case, of the Lawrence and Townley and Hunt, has the greater chance of success.

In corroboration of this present statement and conclusion, it should appear useful, and indeed indispensable, to examine separately first, and after comparatively, with the American pedigree, all the other pedigrees of the Lawrence families in England, either produced into court, or communicated between the solicitors of the case.

There are about twenty-five pedigrees produced, and all the pedigrees produced before the court till the present time have failed, or could not be proved in any way.

And all the pedigrees being in the hands of the Solicitors, or known in the case, could not establish any solid claim.

It has been stated in the various debates, that the three brothers died, leaving no children in England.

This capital point proves that in order to trace out the Lawrence pedigree, it may be only by the descendants, that is to say, the ancestors.

The documents of the said Lewis P. Hunt, states that there is therein enumerated the various sources and records, were it not only possible, but quite sure, to find the necessary evidence.

We beg most respectfully to submit the following form of identity to the Lawrence and Townley families, for the benefit of all families interested :

In the *first* place, to identify the first ancestor, William Lawrence, with the second ancestor, Joseph Lawrence, we produce the certificate of license for the marriage of Mr. William Lawrence and Elizabeth Smith,

and letters of administration granted to Elizabeth Lawrence, the widow of William Lawrence deceased, together with a conveyance of the said Elizabeth Lawrence in execution of her trust, as also a certificate of guardianship of her seven children, (see appendix, A. B. and C.)

We claim this to be the strongest proof of the identity of Elizabeth Lawrence, alias Carterett, alias Townley, as the lawful wife of William Lawrence first above named.

Secondly. By quit claim deed, made by Joseph Lawrence of Flushing, to Joseph Bonny of Woodbridge, in the province of East New Jersey, in the year 1735, as identifying the second ancestor, Joseph Lawrence, with the said Elizabeth Lawrence above identified as the lawful wife of the first ancestor, William Lawrence, who came over from England to America as aforesaid (see Appendix D).

Thirdly. We further offer a certificate of marriage of Richard Lawrence, eldest son of Joseph Lawrence, with Hannah Bowne, daughter of Samuel Bowne and Mary Becket, as also Joseph Lawrence's will, to prove the identity of the third ancestor, Richard Lawrence, with the second ancestor, Joseph Lawrence (see Appendix E. and F).

Fourthly, We offer a certificate of marriage of Stephanas Hunt with Lydia Lawrence, daughter of Richard Lawrence, together with Richard Lawrence's will, to identify the fourth ancestor, Stephanas Hunt, with the third ancestor, Richard Lawrence (see Appendix R. and G).

Fifthly. By a deed of Josiah Hunt and Elizabeth his wife, with two attesting witnesses (as the marriage certificate is destroyed), as also Stephanas Hunt's will, as

identifying the fifth ancestor, Josiah Hunt, with the fourth ancestor, Stephanas Hunt (see appendix M).

This completes the identity of the first ancestor, William Lawrence, with the fifth ancestor, Josiah Hunt.

All the above parties we claim to be established by first class testimony, and the strongest known to the Federal Law, except the marriage of Joseph Lawrence with Mary Townley, and of that we have a traditionary account from our forefathers, together with Holgate's Genealogy of distinguished families, and letters from H. G. Summerby, Esq., of London, and the Honorable Ex-Governor William Beach Lawrence of Newport, Rhode Island, to Mr. Thomas Lawrence of Providence, Rhode Island. In corroboration of the statements made in said letter, as also Holgate's Genealogy herein-before mentioned, we beg to offer and claim as corroborating testimony, the signature of Joseph Lawrence and Mary his wife, in their own proper hand-writing, subscribed to the certificate of marriage of their eldest son Richard Lawrence with Hannah Bowne, as witnesses thereto (see appendix Q).

The two above named estates, Townley and Standish, descends to the Lawrence family, by intermarriage in the following manner, to wit: Cecilia, daughter of Ralph Standish, Esq., and Philippa Howard, became before her death, the sole heiress of her grandfather, Henry Howard, sixth Duke of Norfolk. The said Cecilia Standish married Sir William Townley; by said marriage the property became vested in the Townley family; and, by defect of heirs, descends to Mary Townley, who married Joseph Lawrence.

Appendix.

A.

A Licence for Marriage granted to Mr. William Lawrence.

WHEREAS I have received information and satisfaction that there is an intent of Marriage between William Lawrence of flushing and Elizabeth the daughter of Richard Smith of Mishaquak'd, upon Long Island upon their request I give them license, so to do and do hereby require you to proclaim the said William Lawrence and Elizabeth Smith man and wife and so record them and to proceed therein according to your formed customs on the like occasions. Given under my hand at Hempstead this 4th day of March 1664

RICHD, NICOLLS.

(Found in Book of General Entries No 1 at Page 98 on file in the office of Secretary of State Albany N. York.)

B.

Letters of Administration Granted Elizabeth the Widow of William Lawrence The Son of Captain William Lawrence deceased.

§ Edmund Andros Kn'd &c. whereas Captain William Lawrence late of Tu Neck in flushing in the North Riding of Yorkshire upon Long Island one of the

Justices of the Peace of the said Riding dyed Intestate Leaving a considerable estate and divers children and Elizabeth the widow and Relict of the deceased together with William Lawrence his Elder son by a former entor having made application to me for letters of administration on said estate for the (better) Better preservation of the same and having brought in an Inventory taken by the constable and overseers the time for holding the Court of Sessions being at some distance tendering likewise security for their due administration according to Law. Thes presents may certify and declare that the aforesaid Elizabeth the widow and William Lawrence the eldest son of the deceased are admitted joint administrators of the Estate, goods, and chattals of the said Captain William Lawrence deceased. They having hereby full power and Lawful authority to enter into or keep possession of the premises and make a division and dispose thereof as administrators according to Law, they having given security for the performance of their trust and to render acc^t thereof as in the Law is required given under my hand and seal in New York this 25th day of March in the 32^d year of his Ma^{tes} Raign Anno Domini 1680.

Past the office

M. N. Secr.

C.

A certificate that Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence is admitted guardian for her seven children.

By the Commandr in Chiefe.

WHEREAS William Lawrence late of Flushing deceased, hath left a considerable estate and seven young children that is to say Mary, Thomas, Joseph, Richard,

Samuel, Sarah, and James whose proportion and share of their said Father's estate according to Law amounts to each of them Two hundred Eighty Eight Pounds sixteen shillings one penny half penny the whole being Two thousand twenty one pounds twelve shillings four pence half penny which is and remains in the hands and possession of Elizabeth the widow and administratrix of the said William and mother to the said Children who desiring in Council to be admitted their guardian, These are to certify that said Elizabeth Lawrence is by advice of the Council Admitted and allowed off to be guardian for the said seven children, and to have possession and enjoy their said portions giving sufficient security to satisfy and pay the same to them and each of them when they shall attain the age of twenty one years or be married. Given under my hand and seal in New York this 10th day of March in the 33d year of his Maj.^{ty} Reign.

(Found on page 39 of Book of Orders, Warrants, &c., on file in the office of Secretary of State, Albany, New York.)

D.

To all Xtian People To whom this present writing shall come Elizabeth Lawrence Relict and administratrix of William Lawrence of Flushing Gent Late Deceased by and with the consent of her son-in-Law William Lawrence of Flushing aforesaid Joint Administrator with the said Elizabeth for and in consideration of ye sum of one hundred and ten pounds of Lawful money of New York in good pieces of Eight or New England money by Margaret Howling wife of James Howling of

Rhode Island in hand before the resealing and delivery of these presents well and truly paid ye receipt whereof the said Elizabeth Lawrence Doth hereby acknowledge and herself to be fully satisfied contented and paid and thereof and every part and parcel thereof doth acquit exonerate and discharge the said Margaret Howling her heirs Executors administrators and assigns every of them forever by these presents hath granted bargained and sold aliened enffeouffed conveyed released assigned delivered and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell alein enffeooffe convey assure deliver and confirm unto ye said Margaret Howling her heirs and assigns all that dwelling-house and Lott of ground sytuate lying and being in this syttie in a street there called ye Broad Street lying in ye west end ye Lott belonging to ye late Gov. Stivensant on ye north on ye East the Shoemakers' Taner Bark Mill and on ye south ye cross Street ye runs up in ye Broadway and containing in Breadth from end to end Two rods and half a foot as ye same is now ffenced In two yds wood measure, and in length eighteen Rod Two foote and five inches said house and lot of ground was formerly purchased by ye said William Lawrence late deceased as aforesaid of Ian Dwpr^{es} as by ye assurance there of Relacon thereunto living had at large appear and also all and singular ways, paths, passages, privileges, Comons commodities advantages emoluments Heriditaments and appurtences whatsoever to ye said House and ground belonging or in any ways appertaining, And also the right title claim interest use Possession Reversion and remainder whatsoever of her the said Elizabeth Lawrence her heirs Executors Administrators or assigns or any of them, except and always Reserved of this E'ent Grant all that part of ye Lott of ground

which is laid out for a street or high way through the said Lott of ground to have and to hold the said dwelling House and Lott of ground and every Pte parcell thereof as the said is now fenced in as aforesaid Except before Excepted and all Pffitts Privileges common commodities advantages emoluments hereditaments and appertences whatsoever unto the said Margaret Howling her heirs and assigns forever To ye sole and only proper use and behoof and to and for Noe other use Intent or purpose whatever freed and discharged of and from all Incumberments whatsoever In witness whereof The parties first above named have Either to other set their hands and Seals this fourteenth day of May Annoye Domini 1680 !

ELIZABETH LAWRENCE [*seal.*]

Sealed and delivered in presence of John Lawrence, Junior, E. Abra. Corbett, Thos. Truford.

Found in Liber No. 12 of Conveyances, page 30, New York.

E.

To all Christian People, to whom these presence shall come, Joseph Lawrence, of Flushing, of *Flushing* in Queens County, on Nassau Island and Province of New York, Gent., eldest son of Elizabeth Lawrence, alias Carteret, alias Townley, decd., of Elizabethtown, in the Province of East New Jersey, sendeth Greeting.

Know Ye that I the said Joseph Lawrence, for the valuable sum of ten pounds current lawful money of New York, to me in hand paid by Joseph Bonny, of

Woodbridge in the county of Middlesex in said Province of East New Jersey, carpenter, have remised, released, and wholly for me, my heirs and assigns for ever, all my right, title, claim, interest and demand which I ever had, now have, or which I my heirs, at any time hereafter in any manner of ways, might or could have of, in or to all pieces, parcels, lotments or tracts of land, that lies whithin the township of Woodbridge aforesaid, excepting three hundred and twelve acres of land, that was granted unto the Honorable Philip Carteret, bearing date the thirteenth day of December Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and seventy, divided and undivided, To have and to hold all and singular, my said right of lands (except what is herein reserved) unto him the said Joseph Bonny his heirs and assigns, to his and their only proper use and behoof forever, so that neither I the said Joseph Lawrence, nor my heirs nor any other person or persons for me or them, or in mine or their names or in the right or stead of any of them, shall or will by any way or means hereafter have, claim chalange or demand any estate, right, title, interest of in or to the premises or any part or parcel thereof, but from all and every action, estate interest and demand of, in or to the premises or any part thereof, they and every of them shall be utterly excluded and bared forever by these presence. And I the said Joseph Lawrence and my heirs, the aforementioned right of lands and premises (except what is herein excepted) with every the appurtenances, unto the aforesaid Joseph Bonny and his heirs and assigns, or any one by him or under me or them, shall and will warrent, and by these presents forever defend.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I the said Joseph Lawrence have hereunto set my hand and *fixed* my seal the third

day of May Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE. [*Seal.*]

Sealed and delivered in presence of us,

DANIEL LAWRENCE,

JOHN HAIGHT.

Be it remembered that on the 26th day of June one thousand seven hundred fifty-five, Daniel Lawrence one of the witnesses to this deed, appeared before James Alexander one of his Magisty's Council for the Province of New Jersey, and being of the people called Quakers, and affirmed according to law ; on his affirmation declared that the name Daniel Lawrence signed thereto as a witness, was his hand writing, and therefore believes he saw Joseph Lawrence seal and deliver the preceding deed as his act and deed.

JA. ALEXANDER.

Found in Liber H 2, page 348, in the office of Secretary of State, at Trenton, New Jersey.

F.

I, JOSEPH LAWRENCE, of Flushing in Queens County on Nassau Island in the Province of New York, Yeoman, being in good health and of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, calling to mind the mortality of this Body and the uncertain time of Death, in order therefore to settle my affairs in this World, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner, principally recommending my soul to the hands of God and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at

the discretion of my Executors hereinafter mentioned ; and as for my personal Estate, after that all my just and lawful Debts and funeral expenses are paid, I do give and dispose thereof as followeth. Imprimis, I do hereby give and bequeath unto my wife the use and all the profits of my farm which I now possess, and the West room and Household enough to furnish it withal and the Kitchen for to use as she pleaseth ; Item, I give my good son Richard Lawrence the sum of five shillings he having his full portion already, I give unto my son John Lawrence the sum of five shillings he having had his portion already. Item, I give my daughter Elizabeth Bowne the sum of five pounds and a Wench named Nell to her heirs and assigns forever, I give unto my daughters Sarah Lawrence, Hannah Mollyudæ and Abigal Forbes, all the rest of my Estate both Household Goods and moveables, to be equally divided between my three daughters above mentioned, to each alike an equal share or part, to them and their heirs and assigns forever ; and lastly I do nominate and appoint my daughter Sarah Lawrence to be my Executrix and Stephen Lawrence to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my Seal the eight day of December Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE. [*Seal*]

DAVID ROD, JUN.,

JOHN EMBREE,

JACOB LAWRENCE.

Queens County, ss. Be it Remembered that on the eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, at Janaca Queens County, personally came and appeared before

me Samuel Clowes, Jun., (being thereunto duly authorised), David Rod, Jun., one of the Witnesses to the within Will; being duly sworn, declared that he did see Joseph Lawrence deceased, in his lifetime sign and seal the same, and heard him publish and declare it to be (and contain) his last Will and Testament, and that at the time thereof he was of sound disposing mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he subscribed his name as a Witness to the said Will in the presence of the Testator; and he further on his oath affirmed declared that he did see John Embree and Jacob Lawrence sign as Witnesses to the same in the presence of the Testator. Before me,

S. CLOWES, *Surrogate*.

Found in Liber 22, page 7 of Wills, in Surrogate's Office, New York.

G.

I, RICHARD LAWRENCE, of Flushing in Queens County Long Island and Province of New York, this fourth day of April Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, being far advanced in years tho' (blessed be God) of sound memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following, viz.: Imprimis, I will and order that all my lawful debts and funeral charges be paid by my Executors hereafter named. I give and bequeath unto my son Caleb Lawrence four hundred pounds, and unto his son Richard Lawrence I give my house and land situated in the town of Flushing. Item, I give unto my son John Lawrence two hundred pounds. Item, I give unto my son Effingham Lawrence three hundred pounds.

Item, I give unto my daughter Lidia Hunt one hundred pounds. Item, I will and order that my Executors retain one hundred pounds and the Interest thereof to be paid yearly to my daughter Mary during her life, and after her decease the said hundred pounds to be equally divided between said Executors. Item, I give unto I give unto my grandson Noriss Lawrence one hundred pounds also my negro boy Elick, my watch, sleve buttons and shoe buckles, with this proviso that his present Guardian be continued or that he choose one of his uncles, Caleb, John, or Effingham Lawrence, otherwise he forfeits his legacy which is to be given to his uncle Joseph Lawrence the present guardian. I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Caleb Lawrence and John Lawrence to be my Executors, and order that all my negroes be sold which are not disposed of at my decease, and after paying and discharging the above said debts charges and legacies, and punctually complying with my Will, then the remainder and Balance of all my Estate to be equally divided between my sons Caleb, John, Effingham, and Joseph ; and I do hereby revoke all other Wills heretofore made by me, acknowledging this and no other to be my last Will and Testament: IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

RICHARD LAWRENCE. [*Seal.*]

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the Testator as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, *John Bowne, Comfort Cornell, Phebe Lawrence.*

Found in Liber 36, page 447 of Wills, in Surrogate's Office, New York.

H.

A License of Marriage was granted by Capt. Auth^o Brookholl's command, &c., to Capt. Philip Carterett and Elizabeth Lawrence, of the province of New Jersey.

March 26th, 1681.

Found on page 89 of Books of Orders, Warrants, &c., on file in office of Secretary of State, Albany, New York.

I.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Philip Carteret, of Elizabethtown, in the province of East New Jersey, Esq., do ordain and make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God that gave it me, in full assurance that I shall be made partaker of eternal life by and through the merits of my most dear and blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ my Saviour, and my body to be buried in such decent manner as my executrix shall think meet, in the vault at Governor Stephenson's Bowery, if liberty may be obtained, otherwise liberty to be purchased in the church at New York. And as to my worldly estate, I do dispose of the same as followeth:

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my most dear and *beloveing* wife, Elizabeth Carteret, all my houses, buildings, lands, tenements and hereditaments, within the province aforesaid, unto her and her heirs forever, as also all book-debts, otherwise due unto me, or that shall hereafter become due, and all my goods and chattels, quick and dead, and all my negroes and other servants,

excepting Black Jack, who I set free from servitude, from and after the day of my burial. And my will is, that my said wife, shall forth of the estate hereby given her, discharge and pay my funeral expenses, and all my debts due to all persons within America, and all legacies hereafter given.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my mother, Widow Rachel Carteret, if she be yet living, all that my manner house, edifice and buildings, with all my lands, tenements and hereditaments within the Island of Jersey, in the kingdom of England, for and during her natural life, always provided that she pay, or cause to be paid, all my just debts due from me, to any person or persons whatsoever, being now within the said island, or within any other part of the kingdom of England whatsoever. And my will is, that after the death of my said mother, and the payment of all my just debts, that then my said land shall be divided equally amongst my brothers and sisters, children of my said mother, according to the laws and customs of the said island. And to the end my said debts to be duly and truly paid, or secured to be paid within twelve month space or time after the day of my death, my will is, that in case my mother, brother and sisters do not within twelve months next after notice shall be given by pinning or fixing a writing upon the door of my house in the said island, signifying my death ; pay or cause to be paid all my just debts as above, that then and in such case, it shall and may be lawful for my executrix to enter into and upon my said houses, edifices and buildings, lands, tenements and hereditaments, and the same possess and enjoy and at her full and free liberty dispose of the same for and in order to the satisfying, contenting and paying all my said just debts as above ; and the said debts being satisfied, the

overplus and remainder, to her by my executrix paid to my said mother, brothers and sisters ; and I do hereby make my dear wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament ; and I do desire my well-beloved friends Thomas Rudyard and Robert Vicars, of Elizabethtown aforesaid, to be assistant to my said executrix in the execution of this my last will and testament, appointing them to be her trustees and supervisors ; revoking all other wills by me formerly made, I do publish this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto put my hand and seal, this tenth day of December, one thousand six hundred and eighty-two (1682). It is my will that there shall be yearly forever paid out of my said estate in the island of Jersey, two quarters of wheat to the poor in the parish of St. Peters.

PH. CARTERET.

Published in presence of

ROBERT VICARS, ISAAC SWINTON,
JAMES EMOTT, GEORGE JEWELL,
MARTH. T. SYMEO—her mark.

To all Xtian People, and others whatsoever, to whom these letters testimonial shall come, and whom the premises shall or may concern. The Governor and Proprietor of the province of East New Jersey send greeting. Know Ye that the thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, according to English accompt, one thousand six hundred eighty and three, the annexed last will and testament of Philip Carteret, late of Elizabethtown, in the said province, Esq., was tendered, proved and approved before us. And he, the said Philip Carteret, having whilst he lived, divers goods and chattles to be administered within the said province and

elsewhere, and the right of disposition and granting the administration thereof, belonging unto us ; we have and do hereby commit the administration of all and singular the goods and chattles of the said Philip Carteret, unto Elizabeth Carteret, widow and relict of the said Philip, and the sole executrix in the said annexed last will and testament named, truly and faithfully to administer of the same, and a full and just account of all and singular the goods and chattles, rights and credits of the said deceased to make, and the same exhibit in our Secretary's office on or before the nine and twentieth day of September next following.

Given under the seal of the said province, at Elizabethtown aforesaid, the day and year first above written.

THOMAS RUDYARD.

Found in Liber A. of Deeds, page 17, in the office of Secretary of State, New Jersey.

K.

Whereas, PHILIP CARTERET, of Elizabethtown, in the province of East New Jersey, Esq., of late deceased, had amongst other negro servants, or having bought with his own money one negro man, called or known by the name of Black Jacke, and did by his late will and testament, bearing date the tenth day of this instant month, give him the said Black Jacke, from and after the day of the burial of him the said Philip Carteret, his absolute freedom from slavery and servitude, due to him the said Philip Carteret or his assigns. Now know ye that I, Elizabeth Carteret, relict and the sole executrix to him the said Philip Carteret, in pur-

suance of the said will and testament, do hereby make free him the said Black Jacke, from slavery and servitude, and do declare him to be a free man, and that it shall and may be lawful for him the said Black Jacke, to dispose of himself as he shall see cause.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto put my hand and seal, this 20th day of December, 1682.

ELIZABETH CARTERET, [*Seal.*]

Sealed and delivered in presence of us,

MARIA LAWRENCE,
ROBERT VREAIS.

Found in Liber D., 2, page 127, in the office of Secretary of State, New Jersey.

L.

March. ye 5th, 1693, in ye name of God Amen, I Richard Smith of Smithtown in the county of Suffolk on Long Island in ye province of New York, being sick and weak in body of sound and perfect Memory thanks be to God, calling to mind ye uncertain state of this life and that we must submit to God's will when it shall please him to call us out of this life, doe make institute and ordain this our last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling any former other Will or Testament made by us either by word or writing. Imprimis we give our souls to God who gave them and our bodies being dead to be decently buried in such place and manner as our Executors hereinafter named shall find convenient; and as for lands and goods and for wherewith it hath pleased God to endow us with, all our Just Debts and Legacyes being first paid, we order and dis-

pose in manner and form following. Item, to Jonathan Smith our Eldest son, we give and bequeath our house farm and orchard, joining to his home lot and ye home shall as far as the old fence northward and half-way from ye west end of the farm, and ye woodhouse on ye East side of the little Brook over against ye house, and forty acres of Land, more or less, his equal share in division with the rest of our children, and that lot or meadow over against ye Mill on west side of ye river. Item, to our son Richard we give and bequeath our Negro Harry and an Equal share of Land in division with ye rest of children. Item, to our son Job we give and bequeath our Negro Robin ye Term of twelve years and an equal share of Land in division with ye rest of our children, and at the end of ye twelve years the said Robin shall be free. Item, to our son Adam we give an equal share of Land in division with the rest of our children. Item, to our son Samuel Smith we give and bequeath ye orchard southward of the house and half of ye pasture bounded by ye little Creek ye Eastward part thereof and ye lower or northward most fresh Island and ye eastward of ye river, with an equal share of land in division with the rest of our children, and the swamp called ye north swamp, with ye land on ye eastern which is fenced. Item, to our son Daniel we give and bequeath ye other half of the pasture southward of his house, ye westward parts of it, and an Equal share of land in division with ye rest of our children; and our will is that James Hill shall be and remain for the use and improvement of my six sons, aforesaid, and their heirs forever. Item, to our Daughter ELIZABETH TOWNLEY, we give and confirm that land and meadow at a place called Sunk Meadow, as it is mentioned in a deed made by us, and also ye

one-half of my clothing. Item, to our Daughter Lawrence we give and bequeath an equal part and share of land in division with the rest of our children, and the other half of my clothing which it shall be most suitable and convenient; and appoint our beloved sons Jonathan and Richard Smith Executors of this our last will and testament, to pay all our Just Debts and to make an equal partition amongst all our children of all ye goods and chattels and what moveable estate shall be left. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and seals the day and year above mentioned.

RICHARD SMITH. [Seal.]

SARAH SMITH. [Seal.]

Sealed and delivered in presence of

JOHN ROE,

JONATHAN LEWIS,

THOMAS HOLMES.

Found in the possession of one of the descendants of the family, it is not on file in New York.

M.

In the name of God Amen, I, Stepanas Hunt of the Borough Town of Westchester and State of New York, Farmer, being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following principally, I commit my soul unto God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be decently buried by my executors hereafter named hoping for pardon for my sins by the powerful workings of the Spirit of Christ, as touching my worldly estate I do dispose thereof as followeth,

First. I give and bequeath unto my Eldest son Joseph to him his heirs and assigns forever the sum of six hundred pounds to be paid him at my decease by giving his own bonds and complete the sum of six hundred pounds by my executors out of the choice of the bonds I have except those of his brethren and

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah the like sum of six hundred pounds at my decease out of the obligations I have against him if any, if not be made up in like manner as Joseph was but if too much then paid in as other debts for a division.

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lydia the sum of three hundred pounds in the same manner as is said of Joseph, I also give and bequeath unto Friend's Meeting at Westchester the sum of fifty pounds to be kept at interest for the contingencies as soon as it can be collected.

I also give and bequeath unto my son Richard and his heirs and assigns forever, All that farm and mills, I bought of Carpenter and of Cromel and the woodland up there of Nathaniel Underhill, I also give and bequeath unto my son Richard and to his heirs and assigns forever, that farm I bought of Ogden and the Commissioners of the State as also my right and title in the township of Kinsborough as also my right in the City Island to Richard, also I give two cows and two yearlings. I also give and bequeath to my son Lott all my farm whereon I now dwell as also all my lots of Salt meadow as also half my stock and farming utensils and all my household goods except as hereafter otherwise given.

Item. I also give unto my beloved wife the best bed and furniture and the command of a room in the house during her natural life and a sufficient maintenance with

Lott on the homestead and also some conveniences to go to meetings and all the rest of my stock and utensils together with the rest of my moveable estate to be turned into money to discharge my debts and other necessary charge and whatsoever is more than what I have already given to be equally divided among my widow and children. Moreover I give to my said wife one cupboard and all her wearing apparel with intent she may be able to give to our grand daughter Lydia, and lastly I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife and my sons Richard and Lott Executors to this my last will and Testament hereby making void all former wills by me made declaring this to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-ninth day of the twelfth month and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

STEPHANAS HUNT [L.S.]

Signed sealed and delivered by me Stephanas Hunt as and for my last Will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribe our names in the presence of the testator

GEORGE EMBREE,
JAMES QUIMBY,
ANNA QUIMBY.

Westchester County, ss.

Be it remembered that on this 16th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety personally appeared before me Philip Pell Surrogate of the said County of Westchester George Embree of the Town of Westchester in the county aforesaid, and solemnly sincerely and truly declared and

affirmed that he did see Stephanus Hunt sign and seal the preceeding written instrument purporting to be the Will of the said Stephanus Hunt bearing date the 29th day of the twelvth month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty Eight ; and heard him publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament. That at the time thereof he the said Stephanus Hunt was of sound disposing mind and memory to the best of the knowledge and belief of him the affirmant, and that James Quimby, Anna Quimby, and the affirmant severally subscribed the said Will as witnesses thereto in the Testator's presence.

PHILIP PELL.

The preceeding is a true copy of the original will of Stephanus Hunt deceased and of the certificate of the proof thereof.

PHILIP PELL.

The People of the State of New York by the grace of God Free and Independent.

To all to whom these presents shall come or may concern. Send Greeting. Know Ye, that at the Town of Pellham in the county of Westchester before Philip Pell Esquire Surrogate of our said County the last Will and Testament of Stephanus Hunt deceased (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) was proved and is now approved and allowed of by us, and the said deceased having while he lived and at the time of his death, goods chattles or credit within this State, by means whereof the proving and registering the said will, and the granting administration of all and singular the said goods, chattles and credits, and also the auditing allowing and final discharging the accounts thereof doth

belong unto us ; the administration of all and singular the goods chattles and credits of the said deceased and any way concerning his will is granted unto Richard Hunt and Lott Hunt two of the executors in the said will named they being duly affirmed well and faithfully to administer the same, and to make and exhibit a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the said goods chattles and credits and also to render a just and true account thereof when thereunto required.

[L.S.] In testamony whereof we have caused the Seal of Office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed.

Witness PHILIP PELL, Esquire, Surrogate of the said county at the Town of Pellham the 16th day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety and of our Independence the 14th

PHILIP PELL, Surrogate.

(Found in the Surrogate's office, White Plains, New York.)

N.

March 30th 1681 This Presents witnesseth that whereas there is a purpose of joining in marriage with Philip Carteret of New Jersey this jointly and fully agreed between him the aforesaid Philip Carteret and me Elizabeth Lawrence late wife of William Lawrence of Flushing deceased that I the aforesaid Elizabeth do reserve liberty to give and dispose of all my right of Land meadow and housings within or in the neighborhood of the Neck called Tew's or Lawrence's Neck unto

any of my sons that I shall see good and that no engagement whatever shall impede this agreement.

ELIZABETH LAWRENCE

Witness, RICHARD SMITH
SARAH U. SMITH
ABIGAIL NICOL

Recorded 22ond December, 1685, in Queens County,
Jamaica, Long Island.

O.

NEW PORT, May 5th, 1852.

Dear Sir,—I find by a reference to the Lawrence Genealogy, that Joseph Lawrence of Flushing, L.I., married Mary Townley in 1690. The place of marriage is not stated.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) W. B. LAWRENCE.

MR. THOMAS LAWRENCE,
Providence, R.I.

P.

LONDON, 41 *Upper Charlotte Street*,
Fitzroy Square, April 9, 1852.

DEAR SIR :—In your letter, just received, you say you want something definite as to whether your John Lawrence, the husband of Mary Townley, is actually the person to whose descendants a portion of the Townley estate belongs.

This investigation would be attended with time and expense, as the preliminary information you require can

only be obtained by searching records, and perhaps making a special journey into that part of England where Mary Townley was born.

I am surprised that the American claimants have not before now caused this matter to be thoroughly inquired into. It is a well-known fact that there are such estates as you mention, and that the right heir has not yet made his appearance, but whether that person is to be found on this or the other side of the Atlantic remains to be proved.

I think you are mistaken about who Mary Townley married. John Lawrence, who settled at Long Island, was but 17 years of age when he went to America. His wife was Susannah. His brother William, who accompanied him, was but 12, and it was his son who married Mary Townley, an English lady of birth and fortune, and it is not unlikely that her descendants are entitled to property in this country ; but I have no time to investigate it as a matter of speculation. My literary enquiries into the family histories of the first settlers of New England, take me to all parts of Great Britain, and I am perfectly familiar with all the records likely to contain the information you require ; but it cannot be supposed that I could attend to your kind of investigation at my own expense.

I will add, that the family of the Hon. Abbot Lawrence is in no way connected with John Lawrence who sailed from Gravesend for New England, in 1635, and settled at Long Island.

I remain, very truly,

Your ob't serv't,

H. G. SUMERBY.

THOMAS LAWRENCE, ESQ.

Q.

Marriage Certificate of Richard Lawrence.

Whereas there hath been intentions of marriage between Richard Lawrence, son of Joseph Lawrence and Hannah Bowne, daughter of Samuel Bowne, both of Flushing, in Queens County, and province of New York : now this is to certifie ye truth to all people whom it may concern, that said Richard Lawrence and Hannah Bowne did propose their aforesaid intention of marriage at several men and women's meetings of Friends in Flushing, by whom they were ordered to wait till enquiry was made whether they were clear from all others on that account. Enquiry being made, and nothing Appearing to Hinder their proceedings, they having consent of Parents and Relations, the meeting gave them Liberty to Accomplis their intended marriage according to the good order used among us. And accordingly on this sixth day of ye second month, 1717, at a meeting at the meeting-house in Flushing aforesaid, the said parties, Richard Lawrence and Hannah Bowne, took each other by ye hand, standing up in ye said assembly, Did solemnly declear they took each other to be Husband and wife, promising with ye Lord's Assistance to be true and loving husband and wife to Each other till death separate.

And for further confirmation hear off, they have hereunto set both their hand ye day and year above written, she taking ye name of her husband according to the custom of marriage.

RICHARD LAWRENCE,
HANNAH LAWRENCE.

And we whose names are under, with many others, are witnesses,

Joseph Lawrence,	James Jackson,	Joshua Lawrence,
Samuel Bowne,	Obediah Lawrence,	Hannah Field,
Mary Lawrence,	Joseph Thorne,	Sarah Bowne,
Griffith Owen,	Jacob Thorne,	Benj. Potter,
John Salkeld,	Thomas Horn,	Rebeckah Jackson,
Jno. Rodman,	Jane Latham,	John Rodman, Jr.
Hugh Cowperthwait,	Anne Bowne,	Joseph Thorne,
John Ryder,	Thomas Lawrence,	Martha Thorne,
Wm. Burling,	Sarah Rodman,	Haannah Field,
Edward Burling,	Joseph Rodman,	Deborah Lawrence,
Joshua Low,	Franklin Ogden,	Rhobt. Field,
Joshua Delaplaine,	Esther Delaplaine,	Sarah Lawrence,
Jonathan Hunter,	Sarah Farrington,	Samuel Harrison,
George Aston,	Mary Bowne,	James Cement, Jun.
John Embre,	Eliza Cath. Field,	Phebe, J.
John Lewis,	Susanna Hedger,	Isaac Thorne,
Mary Lawrence,	Mary Jackson,	Adam Lawrence,
Mary Rodman,	Robert Field,	Ann Haight,
Mary Horn,	John, J.	Benjamin Thorne,
Sarah Frankly,	Jane L. Thorne,	Hannah Bowne,
Mary Kinnin,	John Bowne,	Eleanor Bowne,
	Elizabeth Bowne.	

R.

Marriage Certificate of Stephanas Hunt.

This is to certify all people that Stephanas Hunt of Westchester in ye County of Westchester and Province of New York and Ledia Lawrence, Daughter of Richard Lawrence of Flushing on Long Island in the Province aforesaid, Having Publicly Declared their intentions of Marriage with each other before several meetings of the people called Quakers, in their meeting-house at Newtown and Flushing, and Enquiry being made into both, their clearness from all other Persons in Relation

to Marriage and nothing appearing to hinder their said Intentions, Having also their Parents' consent the Meeting Left them to their Liberty to accomplish their intended Marriage according to the good order of Truth Practiced amongst the above said people.

Now for the complete accomplishing of the above said intentions upon this Eight Day of the sixth Month called August in the year seventeen hundred forty-five, at A Public Meeting of the above said people in their Meeting House at Flushing, the said Stephanas Hunt and Ledi Lawrence taking each other by the hand and standing up in said assembly Did then and there Solemnly Declare that in the presence of said Assembly they did take each other for Husband and wife Promising that by the Lord's Assistance they will be faithful and Loving Husband and Wife each to other until they are separated by Death, and as of further confirmation Thereof Both of them have hereunto set their hands, The Day and time above Written, She assuming Her Husband's name according to the Custom of Marriage.

STEPHANAS HUNT.

LIDDA LAWRENCE.

And we whose names be hereunto subscribed are witnesses :

Thomas Rodman,	Ebenezer Burling,	Rebeah Haydock,
Matthew Franklin,	Deborah Willett,	Smith Bowne,
Elizabeth Lawrence,	Charles Lawrence,	David Hunt,
Matthew Thorne,	John Bowne,	Richard Lawrence,
Joseph Thorne,	Mary Rodman	Mary Hunt,
Jos. Bowne,	Ann Stringham,	Hannah Lawrence,
Samuel Bowne,	Hannah Lawrence,	Henry Burling,
Jno. Rodman,	Sarah Stringham,	Mary Bowne,
Whitehead Hicks,	Robert Haydock,	Hannah Stringham,
Grace Bowne,	David Hunt, Jr.,	T. Lawrence.

S.

“NEW YORK, December y^e 15th, 1749.

“*Loveing Brother and Sister*, — These Few Lines comes with my Kind Respects to you and your Family, and To Lett you know that I am at This present in good health and Do hope that these will Find you all in the Same. I hope a Crismus to come to your house and see you all, which will be a very Great Comfort To me. No more at present but Remain your Ever Love-ing and most Dutiful Brother,

“EFINGHAM LAWRENCE.”

To Mr. Stephanas Hunt, at Westchester.

T.

“LONDON, 20th June, 1804.

“*My Dear Lott*, — I received with much satisfaction your letter of 4 M^o 22, but have not seen your friend Thomas Walker to whom you refer me, and wish me to write by his return. I observe the change a few years has made in your family, and among my relations and friends around you ; it is what we should be prepared to meet, and must ourselves experience in our turn, and let us endeavor to merit a happy change whenever the Great Disposer of Events is pleased to order it.

“I am pleased to hear you are on the paternal Farm, and sincerely wish you every sort of happiness that is good for you ; and please to present me to your Brothers and Sisters and to every branch of the family, with all good wishes for a long continuance of peace and plenty, Liberty and happiness.

“I should be glad to spend the Evening of my days in my native land, but am too much engaged in business of other people, my own and the publicks to think of leaving it. My Eldest son is my partner in business and a great relief to me, and I have one son settled at Bengal, one a sailor in the Eastindia Service, and one at school finishing his Education, near 14 years old, and one Daughter, all promises fair to be useful members of the society Providence may please to place them among. I do not recollect ever receiving the Apples you mention to have sent me, tho’ I am Equally obliged to you. A Barrel of your fine Winter Pippins is a most welcome thing to us, we have no such Apples in England. Your Kiskatama nuts and Chesnuts are also very acceptable here, and I shall be much pleased to make you some return if I know how, or what you are deficient in, principally to promote a correspondence with you and my relations from whom I seldom hear, tho’ I can assure you and them my affections for you is not the less for being placed by the Great Disposer of Events at a distance from you in this life.

“All our board unite in affectionate regard and good wishes with, my Dear Lott, your Sincere Friend and Uncle,

“EFF. LAWRENCE.”


INTRODUCTION.

IN a Centennial Festival held at Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut, on the 7th November, 1851, by the descendants of ISAAC LAWRENCE, *whose old house, built by him in that town one hundred years previously,* remained a venerable relic of its first inmate—Frederic S. Pease, of Albany, and Mr. Isaac Lawrence, of New York, were appointed to prepare a genealogy of the *Ancestry* and Posterity of the old patriarch, who was born in Groton, Massachusetts, in 1705, was taken by his parents when a child to Plainfield, Connecticut, and in the latter part of May, 1738, being then married and having children, he migrated with his family through a trackless wilderness, and on the 2d of the following month of June, reached the position (now the flourishing village of Canaan), where he spent the remainder of his life, expiring on the 2d of December, 1793, aged 88. His posterity were numerous, and are now spread over various States of this Union, and possessing the enterprise and energy which from the earliest times have been exhibited by the individuals

of that name, both before and after their migration to this country. The uniform hostility to constraint in conscientious dogmas, and their united repugnance to religious as well as political control beyond the limits of reasonable and well devised authority, all convince me that before the embarkation of their ancestors, and while those ancestors were yet the subjects of a tyrannical Prince, or in order to free themselves from oppression, had fled to Holland for protection. They all evinced the same attachment to liberty of opinion, *as if educated in the same school*. It is therefore my conclusion, that the Lawrences of Watertown, and those of Ipswich and of New Amsterdam, were of a kindred ancestry. But supposing I am not permitted to doubt that the ancestral part of Isaac Lawrence's genealogy has been laboriously and authentically detailed in Pease and Lawrence's publication, it is evident their family is a distinct branch from our own.

Their original John Lawrence, had first a wife named Elizabeth, by whom he had thirteen children, all born at Watertown—the last child, *Zachariah*, born in 1658. In 1660, he removed from Watertown to Groton, where he again married and had children, and died there on the 11th July, 1667. Our John Lawrence does not appear to have ever resided in either Watertown or Groton. He landed at Plymouth, removed soon after to Ipswich, and thence again removed to Long Island; and in 1644, under a grant from Governor Keift, became one of the patentees of the town of Hempstead, and in 1645, a patentee of Flushing. He removed

from Long Island, in 1658, to New Amsterdam (now New York), and between that period and 1699, when he died, he held offices under the Dutch and British governments, of such high trust and importance as to place his name and long life upon record in the most interesting annals of our city and State. This and many other discrepancies in the genealogical history of the Groton and Long Island Lawrences, forbid me to claim them as part of our family until our affinities are more satisfactorily explored. Nevertheless, it is desirable that this compilation should be made more comprehensive by inserting the memoir compiled by Messrs. Pease and Lawrence, that succeeding generations of either branch may gratify their pride or curiosity by the facility this will afford them to trace their origin ; and I may also say, that my desire to add this memoir to my own, is duly enhanced by a fact not less flattering than prominent, that many eminent incumbents of high office in the legislative, judicial, and executive departments, in various States of this Union, and in the diplomatic agencies of the government, distinguished for their intelligence and usefulness as public men, and for their elevated charities in social life, claim descent from the Lawrence's of Watertown. By their enterprise, cities have grown up as if by the wand of the magician ; expiring labor has been resuscitated and made active ; seminaries of learning, nurtured by their wealth, have spread an influence over the ocean and the land, wherever genius and civilization invited their interposition. I cannot, therefore (nor



would I willingly do it if I could), exclude from an eminent original of what to my partial mind is all that is good, self-denying, and patriotic, a collateral and, as I believe, a consanguineous race of relatives, alike ennobled as our own by all that has given efficiency and energy to human progress. I do not here attempt to extend the details of this genealogy to more recent times than this memoir extends to ; leaving it to the families interested to carry out the inquiry. But in this volume I have taken care to append to the memoir a sufficiency of blank leaves, upon which individuals who take an interest in it may insert additional information.

THOMAS LAWRENCE, OF R. I.

GENEALOGY
OF THE
ANCESTRY AND POSTERITY
OF
Isaac Lawrence,
AND
CENTENNIAL MEETING OF HIS DESCENDANTS,
November 27, 1851.



PREFACE.

THE name of Lawrence is traceable to very high antiquity. It has been variously spelt. *Laurentius* is the form in which it was found as first given to men.

The first instance of an individual to whom the name belonged who lived in England, which has been ascertained, is that of Lawrence, a monk ; by birth a Roman, he came over from Italy to Britain in company with Austin and others who labored for the propagation of Christianity in the island. Upon the death of Austin, Lawrence, according to previous arrangement, was appointed to succeed him as Archbishop of the See of Canterbury. He was buried in the Monastery of St. Austins, A.D. 916.

It is, however, to one Robert Lawrence, of Lancashire, we are to look for the first individual who is entitled to be considered the ancestor of the Lawrences of England, and consequently of this country. Born, probably, as early as A.D. 1150, he accompanied Richard Cœur de Lion to the war of the Crusades, in the Holy Land, and so distinguished himself in the siege of Acre that he was knighted Sir Robert of Ashton Hall, and obtained for his arms "Argent, a cross raguly gules," A.D. 1191.



GENEALOGY.

John Lawrence, of Watertown, Massachusetts, is supposed to have come to this country early in 1635. It is probable that he came in the ship *Planter*, bound for New England, having received a certificate from the minister of Great St. Albans, Hertfordshire. He may, therefore, be regarded as a native of St. Albans, born in 1617-18, but by what parents is not known. The name of his wife was Elizabeth, by whom he had thirteen children, born at Watertown. About 1660, he removed with his family to Groton, Mass., where his wife Elizabeth died, 29th August, 1663. His second wife, whom he married 2d November, 1664, was Susanna Batchelder, daughter of William Batchelder, of Charleston, by whom he had two daughters. He died at Groton, 11th July, 1667; the widow, Susanna Lawrence, died 8th July, 1668.

• Children of John Lawrence and his wife Elizabeth :

I. JOHN, born 14-1 mo. (March), 1636, m. about 1657.

II. NATHANIEL, b. 15-8 mo. 1639.

III. JOSEPH, b. 1 mo. 1642, d. 30-3 mo. 1642.

IV. JOSEPH, b. 30-3 mo. 1643, m. 1670.

V. JONATHAN, b. d. 6-2 mo. 1643.

VI. MARY, b. 16-5 mo. 1645, d. 1686.

VII. PELEG, b. 10-11 mo. 1647, settled in Groton.

VIII. ENOCH, b. 5-1 mo. 1648-9, settled in Groton.

IX. SAMUEL, b. m. 1682.

X. ISAAC, m. 19-2 mo 1682.

XI. ELIZABETH, b. May 9, 1655.

XII. JONATHAN, d. 1725.

XIII. ZECHARIAH, b. 9-1 mo. 1658.

Children by Susanna, the second wife, born in Groton :

XIV. ABIGAIL, b. January 9, 1666, m. 1-7 mo. 1684.

XV. SUSANNA, b. July 3, 1667.

Enoch Lawrence, ⁽⁸⁾ married March 6th, 1676-7, Ruth, widow of John Shattuck ; her maiden name was Ruth Whitney. Her husband was drowned in crossing Charleston ferry, September 14th, 1675. He died 28th September, 1744, leaving children :

I. NATHANIEL, born Feb. 21, 1678.

II. DANIEL, b. March 7th, 1681, d. about 1778.

III. ZECHARIAH, b. 16-5 mo. 1683.

IV. JEREMIAH, b. May 1st, 1686.

Daniel Lawrence, ⁽²⁾ married Sarah ——. It is supposed that at the time of his death he was with a son John, who has since died in Norfolk, Connecticut. His son Isaac gave the use of a farm to his half brother John, as compensation for taking care of their father. He was buried in the lower burying ground of North Canaan. His children were, by first wife, Daniel and Isaac and several daughters.

DANIEL, born April 22d, 1702. His children were :

1 Nathaniel, who had by his first wife, Sarah, Martha and Anson. By his second, Elizabeth, Silas, Keziah, Nathaniel and Phebe, who was the second wife of

Josiah Lawrence. 2 Gideon, 3 Stephen, 4 Rufus, 5 Sarah, 6 Sybil, 7 Lois, 8 Esther. He was grandfather of the late Mr. Isaac Fellows, on the maternal side. He built and kept a tavern in the house in which John Wadsworth lived and died, and which was taken down a few years since, on the north side of the road, a short distance east of Konkapot river. From this house he removed to Sheffield, where he died.

By his second wife he had JOHN (Major John), at whose house he died, and

JEREMIAH, who was three times married. By his first wife, who was Olive Wheeler, he had David, Jonathan and Nehemiah. By the second, who was Betsey Smith, sister of Willard and Obadiah Smith, he had Jabez, who removed to Rhode Island. By the third, who was the widow Higby, a sister of the late Captain Uziel Clark's father, he had Putnam and William. David, by the first wife had a son Nathan, who had children : George, Lewis Leonard, Lucy and Wealthy. Mrs. Samuel Rood, living in Canaan in 1851 was also a daughter of David. Jonathan, by first wife, had a son Joseph, who had children : John, Benjamin and Betsey Ann. Nehemiah, by first wife, had children : a son Villa, a daughter who married Alpha Sage of Colebrook, Ct., Betsey, who was wife of Phineas Pease of Stockbridge, Mass., married 25th November, 1799. Nehemiah lived in a red house on the north side of the road, a few rods west of, opposite to, where William Peet has long lived, about half a mile east of Konkapot river.

Putnam, by the third wife, died in the year ——. His children were : Thankful, who married Daniel White, William C., Mary Ann, who married John Watson, Adaline, who married ——— Lewis, Caroline, Nancy and Henry, who married Abigail Doolittle.

Jeremiah Lawrence built, and for a time lived in, the house where Andrew Stevens, senior, lived and died, on the south side of the road, about a quarter of a mile east of Konkapot river. Mr. Jonathan Gillett, an aged man in Canaan, says that he died in what was known as the Robert Baker house. He also distinctly remembers hearing it said that, when he was in his last moments, Captain Isaac Lawrence ordered all his men to leave their work that day, for his *brother* Jeremiah was dying. William Lawrence says that Jeremiah was his grandfather's *half*-brother, as he had but one full brother, which was Daniel, junior.

Daniel Lawrence, senior, is said to have had by his two wives, twenty-two children.

Capt. Isaac Lawrence,

who has generally, on account of his prominence in society, been regarded as the head of this branch of the family, was born in Groton, Mass., 25th February, 1704-5, according to the public records of that town. It is supposed that with his parents, when a child, he removed to Plainfield, Ct., where it is presumed he remained until his removal to Canaan, Ct. In the absence of all direct proof, by public record or otherwise, that the family of which he was a member, removed from Groton to Plainfield, the following statement from the records of Groton, according to Butler's History, must be relied on. Groton was a frontier town, and much exposed to Indian depredations. The suffering was so extreme, that many became discouraged and removed from the town. Several families went to Plainfield, Ct., and others "*contemplated*" going to the same place. Among the latter were Daniel Lawrence, Joseph Law-

rence uncle of Daniel, and Zachariah Lawrence who was uncle or brother of Daniel. This took place in 1707, while Daniel, Jun., and Isaac, sons of Daniel, were young children. No record of these families can be found in Groton since this event. The part of Plainfield to which they removed, or came from, has since been formed into a new town and named Killingly. In the spring of 1738, with a team composed of a yoke of oxen and a horse, he started with his family and goods in a cart for his new home, in what was then called the new and western country. East of New Hartford it was partially settled; but in the remaining distance there was not a house, and the most of the way it was a heavily wooded forest through which he was obliged to cut his road, and bridge the streams too deep to ford. The distance by the route which he took, through the northwest part of Norfolk, and near the corner of New Marlborough, was 30 miles or more, and the time occupied in making the journey from New Hartford to his destination, was nine days. Some say fourteen.

On one of the nights of their journey through the forest, although it was late in May, there was a fall of snow. In the morning when they awoke the track of a bear was discovered in the snow near the cart, at which the children manifested surprise that they had not been eaten. The father improved the circumstance by directing their thoughts to their Heavenly Father as their protector. He reached his destination on the second day of June, 1738, and encamped under an oak tree, sleeping in their cart, eighty rods south west of the tavern house which he had subsequently built, and near where the saw mill now stands.

Soon afterwards he dug a hole in the side of a hill, and, with some crotches, poles and boards, made a tem-

porary shelter, half under ground, in which they lived till the next spring, when he erected a house on the lot opposite the saw mill. Remains of the old chimney are found now, when the field is plowed. A few years afterwards he built on the lot which is now (1851) an orchard, sixty rods northwest of the tavern house, and in 1751, he built the house which has long been known as the Lawrence tavern, which he occupied until about 1786, most of the time for this purpose. At this period he was compelled to relinquish active business, being about eighty years old, on account of a disease in his limbs. His son Jonas and family then took the occupancy of the house, having the care of him until his death, which was on the 2d December, 1793.

Some of his descendants now living remember him well, as do many other residents of the town. From their personal knowledge of him, and from traditionary accounts through them, we gather the following information with reference to his personal appearance, character and general course of life. His stature was about six feet, large frame, not fleshy, erect, pleasant countenance, sociable, intelligent, excellent character, and active and correct business habits. By occupation a farmer, but had a good deal of mechanical ingenuity, and used to do some work for himself and neighbors as a carpenter and joiner. He is said to have superintended the erection of the first meeting house in Canaan. He accumulated a valuable property, owned several large farms which he kept under cultivation, was the owner of twenty slaves at one time, to whom he gave their freedom before his death, with the exception of one who was made so by his heirs, making provision for the aged and infirm, and contributing to the comfort of others who were needy.

When Lord Gordon and the Earl of Morris passed through the colonies to ascertain their resources and ability to bear taxation, they put up at Capt. Isaac's house. He was then owner of twenty slaves. His lordship expressing surprise at their apparently good condition, asked them if they always fared so well. London was the spokesman, and replied: "Yes, massa; we have vittle enough, clo enough, and work enough." Some living remember happy old Lon, as he was called, and Phillis, whose house was on this farm in a corner of the lot near where the railway station now is.

These facts show that he was a man of great industry and perseverance, and that he made life worth something to himself and others. He held many town offices, and was a representative to the General Assembly of the State for one session, in 1765. His extensive business transactions necessarily bringing him in contact with a great number of persons, his excellent reputation, and the veneration in which he was held, afford the best evidence we could have, that his general course was honorable, manly and benevolent.

He was a member of the first Congregational Church which was organized in this town, in that part which is now called South Canaan; and it appears from the records of the church (the second Congregational) in this society, that himself, wife, and others, agreeably to their own request were, on the 1st December, 1769, dismissed from it, and recommended to be formed in church fellowship as the second Congregational society in what is now known as North Canaan.

The frequency with which his name appears in the business meetings of this church, and from information derived from other sources, afford good reasons for believing that he was an exemplary Christian.

He was twice married. His first wife was Lydia Hewitt, married, as it is supposed, in Plainfield. She died 14th November, 1767, aged 60. The second was widow Amy Whitney, who lived twenty-six years after his death, which occurred 2d December, 1793.

He had seven sons and four daughters, all by his first wife.

I. **Jonas** his first child was born 1728, and died 22d May, 1793. He married Sept. 3d, 1754, Tryphena Lawrence of Littleton, born 26th Sept. 1735, daughter of Jonathan Lawrence and Tryphena Powers, who died at West Stockbridge, Mass., 31st January, 1795.

Their children were :

1. **Lydia.**

2. **William Solomon.** He died 1797. Married Esther Dutton, 12th Oct. 1780. Had children :

SOPHIA, who married Russell Fowler, and had four sons : Sevellan, Roger, Hiram and Russell ; and three daughters : Samantha, Sophia, Mary Ellen and Adaline Metesia.

BETSEY, who married Austin Fowler, and had four sons and three daughters : Franklin Dutton, Jordan Nickle, William Washington, and Cyrus Elijah ; Eliza Emeline, Adelia Experience and Amanda Maria.

CHARLOTTE, who married John P. House, and had : Philip, Orange, John, Austin and James ; Lavinia, Esther, Sarah and Elizabeth.

EXPERIENCE, who married Joel Gaylord, and had : William, Joseph and Horace.

REBECCA, who married David Hammond, and had : Ransom, Oliver, Stafford and David ; Sophia and Esther.

ERASTUS, died unmarried at Natches, about 1839.

CYRUS, who married ——— and had sons ; Charles, William, Lafayette and others.

ORANGE, who married Sarah House, about 1820, and had three sons and five daughters: Cyrus, Ferris, Orange; Mary, Esther, Frances, Rhoda, and Sarah. He resides at Orangeville, Canada West.

3. **Abiah**, born 30th Nov. 1760; married Stephen Brown, of West Stockbridge, Mass. Their children were: Hannah, who married a Southwick. She had eight children, who are all dead but one. The names of only two of them have been ascertained: Lucius, who lives at Mount Morris, N. Y., and Stephen. She afterwards joined the Shakers, and in 1848 resided at Geneseo, N. Y.

LYDIA L., born 23d February, 1785; married David Brinsmaid, 8th May, 1809, who was born 8th October, 1782, and died 10th April, 1837. Their children were: 1. Albert Lawrence, born 2d Feb., 1810, who married Martha Belden, Feb. 1839, and lives in Mishawaka, Indiana; their children are Henry, Lydia, and Louisa. 2. Louisa, born 23d Jan., 1812, and died 24th April, 1814. 3. Abigail Charlotte, born 1st June, 1814, died 20th Sept., 1841. 4. Henry, born 20th Nov., 1815, married Susan Alma King, 15th Oct., 1845, and lives in Rochester, New York; their children are Elizabeth, Dolly, and Alma Susan. 5. Matilda, born 27th Oct., 1817, married Julius Nelson Wilber, 23d Aug., 1849, resides in Alto, Wisconsin; their children are Charlotte, Amanda, and Francis Augustus. 6. Charles Grandison, born 19th March, 1820, married Mary Jane Bostwick, Oct. 1847, and resides at Le Roy, N. Y. 7. Amanda Melvina, born 29th May, 1823, married Joel Tyler Benedict, 23d Aug., 1849, and resides in New York. 8. Louisa Abiah, born 26th Aug., 1825. 9. Sophia Jane, born 9th May, 1827.

4. **Abel**, born 22d Sept. 1763, died 26th July, 1835.

He married first, Abigail Rockwell, 6th Oct., 1783 ; second, Lucina Granger, who was born 19th Dec., 1770, and died 8th Feb., 1831, to whom he was married in 1791. Children by first wife : Jonas, Tryphena, Abigail. By second wife : Tryphena, born 22d Sept., 1793.

JONAS, born 14th September, 1794 ; he married Ann Thomas, 29th January, 1830. Had children : Sevellan Fowler, born 19th Feb., 1832 ; Lazette, born 2d March, 1835 ; George Starr, born 17th August, 1836 ; Elizabeth Delano, born 27th March, 1842.

WILLIAM SOLOMON, born 19th Oct. 1797, and died 25th Jan., 1835. He married his first wife, Milla Capron Richardson, 6th Feb., 1823. Had Milla Mary, born 11th Oct., 1823, who married James Daniel Borthwick, 11th Dec., 1845, and had Lucina Jane, born 22d Aug., 1846 ; Milla Minerva, born 14th April, 1849 ; George Henry, born 21st Feb., 1850 ; Sabra Lucina, born 23d Sept., 1826, who married Henry Cross, 10th Aug., 1843, and died 23d July, 1844 ; William Albert, born 6th April, 1831, who married Electa M. Reese, 31st May, 1851 ; Anson Howard, born 4th Sept., 1834, died 12th Nov., 1834. His second wife was Theresa Minerva Thomas, married 5th July, 1835, by whom he had Victoria, born 22d Aug., 1838 ; James Henry, born 5th Feb., 1849, and died 11th December, 1850.

BERSHEBA LUCINA, born 16th January, 1800, married Anson Miner Howard, 19th June, 1823, and reside at Oshkosh, Wis. Their children are Richard Lawrence, born 3d March, 1824, and married Abigail O. Lockerby, 13th May, 1847, and have Marian Eleanor, born 1848, and Maria Louisa, born 1850. They reside at Oshkosh. Charlotte Lucina, born 27th Aug., 1826, married J. Burton Fisher, 8th April, 1847, and have Ernest Burdette, born 1848 ; Ella Augusta, born 1850 ; and Emma

Annette, born 1852. They reside in Oshkosh. George Henry, born 18th April, 1829. Adaline Louisa, born 16th Sept., 1831, married Luman Leach, 24th June, 1847, and have children, Florence Amelia, born 1849, and Arthur Eugene, born 1851. Mary Celestina, born 9th Dec., 1833; Helen Amelia, born 5th March, 1837; Emily Eliza, born 4th April, 1846; Franklin Fowler, born 15th March, 1844.

JOEL GRANGER, born 2d Jan., 1801, married Sarah Ann Wheaton, 11th June, 1839, and have children: John Wheaton, born 22d April, 1840; Abigail Seloma, born 3d Jan., 1842; Horace Franklin, born 13th Dec., 1847.

CHARLOTTE, born 26th Dec. 1804, married Pomery Gorsline, 14th January, 1826. Children: Mary S., born 18th Feb., 1827, died 21st Feb., 1827; Andrew J., born 17th Feb., 1828; Angeline, born 1st Nov., 1829, died 21st Jan., 1830; Gilbert H., born 29th October, 1830; Pomeroy, born 18th June, 1833; Charlotte M., born 11th April, 1835; infant son, born 1st April, 1837, died 3d April, 1837; Abel L., born 7th March, 1838; Lucina, born 22d Dec., 1840; Jose C., born 24th Nov., 1843.

SUSAN, born 26th Aug., 1806, died 12th Sept., 18 , married James L. Gorsline, 1827. Their children are, Charles P., born 21st Jan., 1828; William C., born 6th Sept., 1829; Mary Angeline, born 7th June, 1831; George Starr, born 22d September, 1835, and died 26th March, 1836; another child was born 27th Sept., 1834, and lived only 21 days.

WEALTHY L., born 30th Sept., 1808, married Elisha Forsyth, in Newark, N. Y., 1st Feb., 1828, who was born in Owego, 14th Feb., 1801. Their children are: Julia Ann, born 26th May, 1828, married John D.

Baker, 16th Sept., 1844, and had Francis M., born 26th March, 1846 ; Morgiana, born 1st March, 1830, married Joseph A. Tyler, 20th March, 1848, and had Charles F., born 10th September, 1849, and died 20th Sept., 1849 ; Charles Eldridge, born 20th Jan., 1832, died 26th March, 1833 ; Hubbard Truman, born 3d Aug., 1834 ; Gilbert Treat, born 29th Aug., 1838 ; George Francis, born 29th Jan., 1840 ; William Lawrence, born 11th June, 1842 ; Lucina Cross, born 11th Nov., 1844 ; Edmund Augustus, born 29th April, 1849.

5. **Josiah**, born 16th Oct., 1788 ; died 30th April, 1832. He was twice married. First to Amy Rockwell, Feb. 7th, 1788, who was born 4th May, 1762, and died 17th May, 1812. Second, to Phebe, widow of William Faxon, who was born 8th Aug., 1780, and is still living. She was a daughter of Daniel Lawrence, junior. The children by the first wife were :

ABIAH, born 28th November, 1788, married Dr. Ovid Plumb, son of the late Dr. Frederick Plumb, of Canaan, Connecticut.

HARVEY, born 19th March, 1791 ; married Betsey Dunning, 22d Nov., 1812. Children : Amy, born 10th June, 1815, married Hiram Andrus ; Edmund D., born 20th Jan., 1820 ; Catharine C., born 30th June, 1822.

ABIGAIL, born 29th Jan., 1793, died 5th June, 1816, Married Sereno B. Gillett, 30th Dec., 1812, and had a son named Lawrence, born 5th June, 1816.

BETSEY, born 25th Feb., 1799, married John Franklin. 4th Nov. 1823, and has Charlotte L., born 11th March, 1827 ; Edward, born 11th March, 1831 ; Hugh White, born 22d May, 1834.

CHARLOTTE, born 4th May, 1802, married William Adam, 15th Sept., 1824. Their children are : Robert W., born 28th Sept., 1825 ; Frances C., born 31st Aug.,

1830 ; Sarah W., born 28th April, 1836. By the second marriage, he had Isaac, born 28th Nov., 1814 ; George K., born 9th Feb., 1817, married Huldah H. Tuckerman, 26th March, 1840, who was born 9th April, 1816. Their children are : George F., born 24th Dec., 1840 ; Josiah B., born 15 Jan., 1844.

6. *Tryphena*, born 4th July, 1768, and died 30th March, 1800. She married Hugh White, of Whitesboro', N. Y., about 1787, who died 7th April, 1827. .

Like all the daughters of Jonas, she was very fair. One day as she was sitting at an open window, a stranger traveling on horseback towards the west came along, and passing the house he saw the damsel, and was so attracted by her beauty that he alighted and went in and called for something, with the hope of an interview. He first met her mother, who being engaged about her domestic affairs, called her by her name, Tryphena. She came and served the stranger. Smitten by her charms, he determined to woo her ; and remounting his horse, he went on his way. Immediately on reaching his home he addressed a letter to Tryphena Burrall, guessing the surname, there being families of that name in the town, which reached the town but remained unopened, because no person of that designation was known. Another and another came, but no response was returned, until after due deliberation it was concluded that they must have been intended for Tryphena Lawrence, when an answer was returned, declining of course, a compliance with his wishes. But further correspondence, now that her name was learned, resulted in the consummation of his hopes, and she became the wife of Hugh White.

Their children were :

ROBERT, born 27th Nov. 1788. He died far up the

Missouri river at an unknown time and place, where he had lived many years in profound retirement. Whom he married is unknown; but he left, as nearly as can be ascertained, six children, names, ages and sex unascertained.

CANVASS, born 8th of Sept. 1790. He died at St. Augustine, 18th Dec. 1834, whither he had repaired for the restoration of his health. His wife was Louisa Loomis. The children that he left were: Charles L.; Cornelia P., who married in August 1852, Henry R. Barnes, of Summit Hill, Carbon Co., Pa., where she resides; and Susan, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Barnes. He was distinguished as a civil engineer.

CHARLOTTE, born 15th Oct. 1792. She married Esek Walcott, and removed to Walnut Hills, Mississippi, where she died. Her children were Charlotte, Edward, Ann, Louisa and Dexter, one of whom, Edward, is known to be dead.

TRYPHENA, born 30th Sept. 1794, not living.

SOPHIA, born 6th Jan. 1796. She married John Duston, and is living at Kingston, Missouri. She has several children, some of whom are married.

HUGH, born 25th Dec. 1798, married Miss Maria M. Mansfield of Kent, Litchfield Co., Ct. They have had several children, some of whom are not living. One of them was a lovely daughter named Florilla. Those living are William M., who was nineteen, 8th July, 1852, Isabell, who was fifteen 22d March, 1852, and Charlotte, who was nine, 6th January, 1852. His residence is at Waterford, Saratoga Co., N. Y. He has been several times honored by the constituency of the Congressional district which embraces that county, with a seat in the House of Representatives.

7. Charlotte, born 13th Oct. 1770, died 31st Aug.

1800. She married Isaac Dunham, 23d Nov. 1786, who was born 1764 and died 29th Oct. 1821. Their children were :

WILLIAM DUNHAM, was born at — Vermont, 20th March, A.D., 1787, married Matilda Slosson, 24th Oct. A.D., 1822, and died in New York, July 16th, 1855. She was born in Berkshire, Tioga Co., N. Y., May 30th, A.D., 1804, they had four children, all born in Richford, Tioga Co., N. Y. ; Wm. S. Dunham, born Aug. 22d, A.D., 1824 ; Matilda Orcelia, born July 19th, A.D., 1817, married William M. Crittenton, of Henderson, Jefferson Co., N. Y., in New York, 28th March, A.D., 1854, has two children, Charles Robert D., born April 6th, A.D., 1855, Wm. H. D., born June 20th, A.D., 1858 ; Robert S. Dunham, born June 29th, A.D., 1831 ; Isaac S., born June 29th, A.D., 1831, and died in infancy. The family are at 476 Broadway, which has been their place of residence for ten years.

JAMES, born 20th Feb. 1789.

HARVEY, born 10th April, 1791. He married Lydia Loveland of Sandisfield, Mass., 31st Dec. 1812, who was born 29th Jan. 1791. Children : Permelia, born 11th Nov. 1813, died 24th July, 1838 ; Isaac, born 7th Sept. 1815, married Elizabeth Snyder of Taghkanic, Columbia Co., N. Y., 1st Sept. 1840, who was born 1st Feb. 1821. They have children : Permela, born 3d March 1842 ; Sarah, born 31st March 1847 ; Leroy, born 5th Jan. 1848 ; Charlotte Elizabeth, born 21st Jan. 1852 ; Asahel, born 26th Nov. 1819, married Matilda Curtis, 4th July, 1839, who was born 21st Aug. 1823. Their children are : Orcelia, born 11th March, 1842 ; Grove, born 6th April, 1845 ; Asahel, born 17th June, 1849 ; Frank, born 13th Aug. 1851 : Harvey, born 9th July, 1825 ; Lydia, born 12th July, 1828 ;

Charlotte, born 15th Feb. 1831, married Henry Johnson, who was born 17th April, 1828, on the 4th Nov. 1849. They have Charles H., born 22d Sept. 1850.

JONATHAN, born 31st May, 1794, died in Sheffield, Mass., 27th April, 1835.

TRYPHENA, born 27th Jan. 1797, married Ephraim Dickson.

CHARLOTTE, born 21st Oct. 1799, married Stephen Crittenden of Henderson, Jefferson Co., N. Y. Their children are Orcelia, born 18th Aug. 1830 ; James, born 25th Nov. 1825 ; Isaac, born 10th Feb. 1824, married Nancy Gridley of Oneida Co. 23d April, 1851, and lives at Henderson.

8. **Consider**, born 8th Feb. 1777, married Wealthy Peck, 11th Sept. 1796, who was born 27th Oct. 1775. Their children are :

MARIA, born 30th Aug. 1797, married Thomas Langdon, April 1816, and have Wealthy, born 27th July, 1817, who married Stanley Sheffield Hinman, Dec. 1838 and lives in Monroeton, Pa. Benjamin, born 6th June, 1819, who married Eveline Perry of Owego, Sept. 1846, and lives in Monroeton, Pa. ; Eliza, born 1st Sept. 1822, married William Wiltse, Sept. 1846, and lives in Speedsville.

ISAAC P., born 8th Feb. 1799, married Catharine Cole, 20th Jan. 1821, and have Amy Loretta, born 14th April, 1824, who married Otis Lyon of Monroeton, 7th Jan. 1849 ; Wealthy Cornelia, born 19th Oct. 1827, who was married in Sept. 1848, and lives in Knoxville, Pa.

MILES LEWIS, born 6th Nov. 1800, married Silvia C. Foot, 26th March, 1834, and lives in Berkshire. Their children are : Martha Caroline, born 6th June, 1836 ; Mary Elvira, born 1st March 1838 ; William Josiah,

born 7th Jan. 1839 ; Emma Caroline, born 5th Feb. 1840 ; Miles Arlington, born 20th June, 1842 ; Lucy Foot, born 6th June, 1844 ; Celia Gertrude, born 27th July, 1846 ; Wealthy Louisa, born the 17th of October, 1850.

WILLIAM, born 14th Feb. 1803, married Laura Woodruff, 14th Sept. 1840. Children : William Stanley, born 31st Dec. 1843 ; Oscar Selwin, born 25th June, 1845 ; Asalia Caroline, born 1st December, 1847 ; George Willis, born 3d Dec. 1849.

BETSEY, born 27th August, 1804, married Gamaliel Whiting, 25th Dec. 1821. Children : Harris, born 24th Aug. 1822 ; Gamaliel, born 9th May, 1824 ; Alanson and Alonzo, born 9th June, 1827 ; Delia Sophia, born 28th May, 1831.

JOSIAH, born 14th Sept. 1806, married Martha Baird.

9 William, born 31st Jan. 1779, married Lotte Rood, 7th Oct. 1801, who was born 30th Nov. 1783. Their children are :

LAURA, born 5th Nov. 1802, married Daniel Norton, 13th Oct. 1825, died 22d Sept. 1848, at New Hartford, Ct., and was buried in Canaan, Ct. Their children are : Julia L. born 17th Dec. 1826 ; Susan P., born 20th Dec. 1829 ; Jane E., born 19th May, 1832 ; Loania V., born 3d July, 1835 ; William P., born 11th Jan. 1839 ; Edward D., born 16th May, 1841.

JULIA, born 18th Sept. 1804 ; married Frederick S. Pease, 18th Sept. 1832.

WILLIAM, born 22d July, 1806 ; married Chloe Beecher. Their children are : William H., born 29th July, 1831 ; George J., born Oct. 1834.

JANE, born 29th July, 1808 ; married Charles W. Franklin, Nov. 1833.

MARIA, born 21st March, 1811 ; married Charles S.

Adam, son of Samuel F. Adam, of Canaan, Ct., 21st September, 1848.

FREDERICK, born 16th Aug. 1813; twice married; first to Elizabeth A. Pease, 1st Jan. 1838, who died 1st May, 1840; second, to Helen M. Pease. By first wife he had Elizabeth F., born 1st May, 1840; by second wife, Helen A., 29th March, 1846, and Frederick Stow, born about 1850.

LORENZO, born 29th November, 1816.

ABIGAIL, born 11th March, 1819, married Lawrence Gillett, 2d Jan. 1839. Their children are: Harriet E., born 29th Dec. 1839; Josiah L., born 14th Feb. 1843; Ellen I., born 19th April, 1846.

HARRIET, born 6th June, 1823.

II. **Stephen**, died in infancy.

III. **Isaac**, junior, married Mary Brown, 11th March, 1760. He removed from Canaan to Vermont, near Onion River, about seventy years ago (1852.) His children, all, probably, born in Canaan, were: Lydia, born 2d Sept. 1868; Elijah, born 17th Oct. 1763; Samuel, born 19th Nov. 1765; Isaac 3d, born 22d Nov. 1767, who married Debby Root; Mary, born 4th May, 1770; Apame, born 7th Dec. 1772; Henry, born 25th Feb. 1778; Erastus, born 14th March, 1780; and Pamela, born 17th May, 1782. Elijah, Samuel and Isaac, removed from Vermont to Lower Canada, fifty or sixty years ago, where it is supposed their families now reside.

IV. **Asa**, died in infancy, 24th July, 1750.

V. **William**, died young, 5th Jan, 1750.

VI. **Elijah**, died young.

VII. **Solomon**, died young.

VIII. **Azubah**, married Samuel Hyde, of Norwich, Ct., 25th October, 1750. They had children: Asa,

Lydia, Hannah, Tryphena, Polly, Betty Rebecca, Samuel, Matilda, Solomon.

1. **Hannah**, who died 12th July, 1827, married Timothy Capen in 1779, who died 3d May, 1834. Their children were Abiah, born 2d Nov., 1780, died 25th Nov., 1851. She married James Raymond, of North Brookfield, Mass. 22d Sept., 1811. They had a daughter, H. L. (Raymond), born 19th Oct., 1818, who was married 4th Feb., 1844.

ASA H. born 12th May, 1783 ; married Anna Peirce, 8th May, 1808, and had six children : Samuel born 2d Jan. 1809, died 20th March, 1809 ; Asa, b. 5th July, 1810, died 28th March, 1811 ; Sally Cordelia, born 14th March, 1812, married Samuel Dawes, 30th June, 1842, and has one child, Melona C., born 9th Sept., 1846 ; Salmon, born 21st Sept., 1814, married Betsey M. Thompson, 5th May, 1840, and has one son, Arthur C., born 18th March, 1841 ; Daniel, born 2d December, 1816, married Irene S. Tower, 28th April, 1840, and has two children ; Sarah R., born 10th June, 1841, and Ward D., born 14th March, 1844, died 14th May, 1846 ; Howland D., born 16th Dec. 1720, married Mehitabel Allen, 14th March, 1843, and has two daughters : Ellen C., born 6th Oct. 1845 ; Martha E., born 15th May, 1847, died 5th Oct., 1851.

AZUBAH, born 14th Sept., 1785, married Nathan Hobbs, April 1814, and has four children : Silas W., born Dec. 1815, Timothy C., born April, 1818, and Harlow F. and Mary C., who were born after their parents removed westward. Harlow F. died in the Mexican war.

POLLY, born 24th Aug., 1788.

DANIEL, born 15th March, 1791, married Lucy Cummins, 5th June, 1814.

2. **Betty Rebecca**, who died 22d May, 1834, aged 64 years, 24 days, married Daniel Fenn in 1790, who was living at Alford, Mass., in 1851, aged 85. Their children are :

WILLIAM B. born 26th Aug., 1792, and resides at Alford, Mass.

HARLOW, born 2d Feb., 1794. He married Hannah Bogardus, 24th July, 1816, and has children : **Lewis**, born 9th May, 1817, married Mary Jane White, and has **Thomas W.**, born 6th March, 1843 ; **Sarah M.**, born 22d Dec., 1845. They live in Troy. **Jane Eliza**, born 28th Jan., 1830, married **William Root**, 13th Dec., 1848, and has children : **William F.**, born 2d Jan., 1850, and a daughter born 11th Oct., 1851. **Cynthia Cordelia**, born 28th April, 1796, died 2d Feb., 1811 ; **Lewis**, born 17th Jan., 1798.

DANIEL B., born 19th May, — lives in Stockbridge, Mass.

EDWIN H., born Aug., — lives in Alford, Mass.

HENRY C., born Oct., — lives in Stockbridge, Mass.

3. **Matilda**, married Christopher Miner, and has five children. They live in Ohio.

4. **Lydia**, married Samuel Barney.

5. **Samuel**, married Anna Whiting.

IX. **Lydia**, born 2d Dec., 1747, died 4th Aug., 1750.

X. **Amy**, married Elijah Cobb, 30th March, 1760. Their son,

1. **Elijah William**, who died May, 1816, aged 51 years, married Sally Whitney, in Salisbury, Ct., 27th Feb., 1786, who died June, 1825, aged 54. Their children are :

JOSHUA, born Nov., 1786, died 2d May, 1851, aged

64 years, 6 mo. He married Susan Doty, June, 1816. Their children are Hiram D., Eliza, Amanda, Henry, Sarah, Elijah, and Lyman.

PERMELIA, born 20th Jan., 1791, died 11th Feb., 1830, aged 39. She married Isaiah G. Barker, 1811. Their children are: Rhoda, died Feb., 1830; Mary Ann, married Mr. Birdsall; is dead; Eliza, died 1826; Beda; Permelia, dead; twin sisters, dead; Lyman; William, who married Eliza E. Lincoln, of Pike, Allegany Co., 1851.

CHARILLA M., born 5th Dec., 1793, married John Burnett of Hampton, Ct., a widower with four children: Julia R., Harriet N., Ellsworth, and John B. All dead. The father died in 1834. The issue of the second marriage was: James Francis, born 2d March, 1828, died 1st Jan., 1849; Lyman Cobb, born 22d March, 1830, died 4th December, 1840.

DANIEL JOHNS, born 18th October, 1795, married Miss Charlotte Hoyt in 1822. Their children are: Thomas, Charlotte, Daniel, Lyman, who is dead; Clarissa, and Francis.

LYDIA E., born 19th March, 1798, married Thomas Davis, in 1815. Their children are: Betsey, Sarah, Lydia, James, and George, twins; Thomas and Mary.

LYMAN, well known as the author of several school books, born 18th Sept., 1800, married Miss Harriet Chambers, in Caroline, Tompkins Co., N. Y., 7th April, 1822. Children: Sarah Jane, born in Rochester, N. Y., 20th March, 1823, married William C. Duncan, in New York, 1st July, 1846, died 7th July, 1847, without issue. Eleanor Mack, born in Berkshire, Tioga Co., N. Y., 3d April, 1825, married 18th April, 1849, in New York, died 11th Oct., 1851, leaving two children, Eleanor Francis, and Jane Louisa. Lyman, junior, born in Caroline, Tompkins Co., 18th Sept., 1826, married 4th

Nov., 1845, has two children in 1851 ; Hannah Louisa, born in Caroline, 13th Aug., 1828, married 24th July, 1850, to David H. Crittenden ; George Whitney, born in New York, 11th Oct., 1835 ; William Henry, born in New York, 12th June, 1837 ; Charles Frederick, born in New York, Dec., 1838 ; Eugene Wheaton, born in New York, 16th Oct., 1851.

NANCY, born 18th Oct., 1802, died 27th June, 1836. She was married in 1823 to Mr. Jewett, and had children : Charilla, Melinda, Oliver, Beda, and another, name not remembered. Sarah W., born 13th Nov., 1804, married J. Preshow. Their children were : Thomas, Sophronia and Betsey.

2. **Dolly**, one of their daughters, married George White, of Salisbury, Ct. They both died at Canaan, Ct. The former on the 17th Feb., 1815, the latter in March, 1809. Their children are :

HENRY, born 15th May, 1787, married Ann M. Platt, of New Milford, Ct., who was born 14th Feb., 1784. They settled and spent the greater part of their lives in that town. He died at Newtown, Ct., Oct., 13, 1842. Their children are : Harriet, born 26th April, 1811, married George W. Polly, 23d Dec., 1830, who was born 14th March, 1810, at Troy, N. Y. Their residence is at Middlesex, Yates Co., N. Y. They have children : Jane Eliza, born 8th Sept., 1831 ; Mary Sophia, born 20th May, 1833 ; Julia Melissa, born 28th Oct., 1834, married Ephriam C. Williams, 13th Nov., 1851, who was born 23d June, 1823, at Middlesex, where they reside ; George Henry, born 12th May, 1838 ; Theodore Bouton, born 4th Dec., 1840 ; Stanley Howard, born 7th May, 1844 ; Florence Melora, born 17th Feb., 1847. Henry, born 26th Feb., 1813, died 16th August, 1832, at Danbury, Ct. Caroline, born 22d Aug., 1815, mar-

ried John B. Judson, 7th May, 1843, who was born in New York, and now lives at Bridgeport, Ct. Their children are : Isabel Jane, born 31st May, 1844 ; John Martin born 6th June, 1848 ; Alice, born 26th May, 1851, who died 11th Aug., 1852. Mary Ann, born 2d Sept., 1817, married Enoch Bouton, 28th Jan., 1837, who was born 27th March, 1816, at South East, N. Y. They live at Bridgeport, Ct. Their children are : William Edgar, born 1st June, 1842 ; Susan, born 26th Jan., 1844, who died 16th Feb., 1844 ; George Washington, born 22d Jan., 1847. George Washington, born 22d Jan., 1820, married Ann King, 1st Dec., 1841, who was born at New York. They had but one child, who died. The mother also died. George W., was again married 27th Nov., 1844, to Phebe E. Wood, who was born 8th Nov., 1826 at New York. They reside at Mount Vernon, N. Y., and have children : George W., born 23d Sept., 1845 ; Leonora, born 13th March, 1847 ; Mary Ann, born 27th Sept., 1849.

MARY, born 2d June, 1788, married Elijah Curtis, of Stockbridge, Mass. 6th Dec., 1810. They removed to Newark Valley, Tioga Co., N. Y., Sept., 1817. Their children are : Frederick, born in Stockbridge, 25th Oct., 1811, married Louisa Smith, of Union Broome Co., N. Y., 5th Feb., 1838 ; De Witt, their first child, was born 2d Feb., 1839, and died 12th Feb., 1844 ; Mary, their second child, was born 29th Nov., 1841 ; Emma, their third child, was born 15th Oct., 1843, and died 19th of March, 1847 ; Ella, their fourth child, was born 20th March, 1846 ; Caroline Alpheia, their fifth child, was born 29th April, 1848 ; Elijah, their sixth child, was born 14th Sept., 1851. Mary was born in Stockbridge, 11th Feb., 1814, and died 7th Sept., 1815. Isaac was born in Stockbridge, 11th July, 1817. Lost

an infant son, 1820. Caroline, was born 5th May, 1822, in Newark. She was married 29th Jan., 1840, to Alfred Rich, and died 6th Feb., 1844. Franklin, their only child, was born 18th Feb., 1842. Mark Hopkins was born 20th Oct., 1824, in Newark.

CORNELIA, born 26th September, 1791, married Harlow Fellows, of Canaan, October, 1810; they have always resided in Canaan. He died 4th Sept., 1851. Their children are: Eliza, born 11th May, 1814, married Ransom Moore of Canaan, and have children: Albert, born Oct., 1832, married and lives in South Adams, Mass.; Irene, born 22nd July, 1836; Cornelia, born May, 1839. Mary Ann, born 7th July, 1816, married John Foster of Sheffield, 25th Dec., 1835, and settled in Canaan, where they now reside; their children are: Frederick F., born 10th Nov., 1836; Francis Cornelia, born 2nd June, 1841. William Henry, born 17th May, 1824, married Abby Steward of Chatham, N.Y., 25th July, 1850, and settled there. Charles, born 1st July, 1832, married Mary N. Tripp of New Bedford, Mass., 7th Jan., 1849. They had one child, Charles Henry, born Aug., 1850. They removed to Dayton, Ohio.

ISAAC, born 11th June, 1794, married Sarah Beckley of South Canaan, Jan., 1828, where they have always resided.

JOHN, born 15th April, 1797, married Amanda Root of South Canaan, who was born 22nd Sept., 1799, on the 10th of March, 1819, where they have always lived. Their children are: Fanny Maria, born 6th March, 1820, married Aug., 1837, William Gillett of South Canaan, who had one child who died in infancy, June, 1838; Henry, born Nov., 1841; John, born Aug., 1845, died Sept., 1848; Francis, born 22nd July, 1850.

Emily, born 5th April, 1822, married Gurdon Davidson of South Canaan, March, 1840, and have children ; George, born Feb., 1841 ; Asa, born Oct., 1842, died 27th Feb., 1846 ; Amanda, born 7th June, 1845 ; Eunice Maria, born Nov., 1847 ; Isaac, born Jan., 1849 ; a son born Aug., 1852 ; Dolly, born 19th May, 1824, married George Barnes of Canaan, 6th March, 1842, and died 16th April, 1843. They had one daughter, Harriet, born 31st Jan., 1843.

ISAAC GEORGE, born 25th July, 1827, married Bridget McManus, 31st May, 1852. John Henry, born 22nd Jan., 1830, married Amanda Parmelee of South Canaan, 4th July, 1852. Washington Riley, born 3rd Oct., 1832. Frederick Curtis, born 29th Nov., 1834.

DOLLY, born 13th Oct.. 1803, married Ezekiel Fuller of Salisbury, Ct., 18th Jan., 1834, removed to Athens, N.Y., thence to Windham, Greene county, N.Y., where he died, 4th Sept., 1850. They had two children, daughters, who died in infancy. Again, she married Horace C. Beckley of South Canaan, 12th Sept., 1852.

XI. **Hannah**, born 25th May, 1750, married Willard Kingsbury. Their children are : Andrew, living at Rush, Monroe co., N.Y. ; Ardon, at Elmira, Chemung Co., N.Y. ; Philo, at Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., and Lydia, who is at Rush ; John and Hannah.

1 **John**, married Rebecca Griswold, 8th May, 1794, and died 19th Jan., 1841. Their children are :

REBECCA, born 1st Jan., 1795, died 21st March, 1799.

JOHN, born 14th May, 1796, married Fanny Fox, 9th Feb., 1820 ; their children are : Roxy S., born 30th Aug., 1820, married Charles A. Palmer of Riga, N.Y., 1st Oct., 1845, and died 3rd May, 1847 ; Harlow C., born 3rd May, 1822, married Elizabeth Henderson, 2nd Dec., 1849, Harriet C., born 27th Oct., 1829, married

Charles A. Palmer, 10th July, 1748, and died 15th March, 1852 ; they had a child born 18th Aug., 1849 ; Adeline M. and Angeline E., born 22nd July, 1832 ; Adeline M. died 22nd July, 1848.

HARLOW, born 22nd April, 1798, died at Augusta, Ga., 22nd Aug., 1822.

LYMAN, born 14th April, 1800, married Almira Brown, 4th Feb., 1835 ; their children are : Horace, born 21st Jan., 1836 ; Edgar L., born 17th Jan., 1838, died 4th Jan., 1844 ; Willard L., born 30th March, 1842 ; Edgar L., born 28th Feb., 1845.

ELIZA, born 14th Feb., 1802, died 9th May, 1807.

CAROLINE, born 5th Jan., 1804, married Charles Palmer of Coventry, Ct., 18th Nov., 1823 ; she died 21st May, 1832 ; their children are : Eliza S., born 31st August, 1824, married Samuel N. Sprague of Coventry, Ct., 1st August, 1848 ; they had a child born, Francis A., 1st Sept., 1849 ; Chauncey H., born 20th Sept., 1826, died 29th July, 1836 ; Caroline O., born 9th June, 1830.

WILLARD L., born 3rd Feb., 1808, married Elvira Pinney, 22nd Nov., 1841, died 7th March, 1842.

HANNAH, born 27th May, 1812.

MARY, born 14th April, 1815, married Harrison Hoskins, 8th May, 1841. Their children are : Mary Rebecca, born 11th Nov., 1842 ; Caroline Hannah, born 16th Sept., 1845 ; Sophia, born 11th Aug., 1817, died 13th Oct., 1818.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

PRELIMINARY MEETING.

It having been proposed by some of the descendants of Captain Isaac Lawrence to hold a centennial family meeting, in the house built by him in Canaan, Litchfield county, Connecticut, in 1751, a few of them met there October 18th, 1851, and after a short conference resolved to hold such a meeting, at one o'clock in the afternoon of the ensuing Thanksgiving Day, and appointed

Isaac Lawrence of New York city,
Frederick Lawrence of Canaan, and
Robert W. Adam of Pittsfield, Mass.,

a committee to carry the resolution into effect.

Frederick S. Pease of Albany, N.Y., and
Isaac Lawrence of New York

were appointed a committee to prepare a short historical sketch of Captain Isaac Lawrence, his ancestry and posterity.

The following ladies were made a committee to provide a dinner for the occasion :

Mrs. Abiah Plumb,
Betsey L. Franklin, and
Huldah T. Lawrence,

to be assisted by

Miss Charlotte L. Franklin,
Frances C. Adam, and
Catharine C. Lawrence.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE FAMILY.

PURSUANT to the call of the Committee of Arrangement, such of the descendants of Captain Isaac Lawrence as were able to be present, met at the house known as the Old Lawrence House, at one o'clock on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1851.

On motion, the following gentlemen were made officers of the meeting:

William Lawrence of Canaan, President.

Harvey Lawrence of Canaan, Vice-President.

Robert W. Adam of Pittsfield, Mass., Secretary.

Mr. Frederick Lawrence read the following selections from the Scriptures:

Genesis xlvi, verse 1-7, and 26-30 ;

Deuteronomy vi, verse 1-15 ;

Psalm cxxxii ;

Psalm cxxv.

A fervent and impressive prayer was then offered to the throne of Divine Grace, by Deacon George K. Lawrence, after which the meeting united in singing the following ode, prepared for the occasion by Mrs. Huldah T. Lawrence :

ODE,

BY MRS. HULDAH H. TUCKERMAN, OF CANAAN.

Wife of Great Grandson George K. Lawrence.

'Tis here we meet in union sweet,
To celebrate the day
When thro' the woods, with all their goods,
Our fathers made their way.

They part with all they hold most dear,
From friends and former home ;
What tho' their minds are filled with fear,
They'll trust for time to come.

Beneath them was the cold, damp ground,
Above the threatening sky,
While snow was falling fast around,
And savage beasts were nigh.

When morning dawned, upon the ground
Their tracks were plainly seen,
The little children wondered why
They had not eaten them.

'Twas God protected us from harm,
The pious father said,
Angels encamped around our path,
And all our footsteps led.

Their wanderings o'er, they shelter took
Beneath a sturdy oak,
And lo ! ere night a house was built
Beside a murmuring brook.

May we, their numerous progeny,
Be found in wisdom's ways,
That we together may unite
In endless songs of praise.

The historical sketch of the Lawrence family, prepared by the committee nominated for the purpose,

was then read by Mr. F. S. Pease, of Albany. This sketch, embracing a general account of the Lawrence name, and a more particular one of the branch to which Captain Isaac Lawrence belonged, will be found in another part of this publication.

Mr. Robert W. Adam having been called upon to address the meeting, informally arose and said :

We have met to-day as a family whose members have long been wanderers from home, separated so long and so far from each other, that many of us come with strange faces and almost forgotten forms to rekindle the fire on the old hearth-stone, to fill up once more the family circle around it, and renew and strengthen those ties which a common relationship has thrown around us.

It is no part of our object to listen to formal addresses and studied discourses ; we wish for a family talk, we wish to relate each to the other the history of our wanderings and experience, to proffer and receive the sympathy and encouragement which is the boon of a family meeting.

We have listened with interest to the history of our ancestors, as it has been read by the gentleman who has on a former occasion bestowed so much care and labor on its collection, and has so kindly assisted in preparing suitable portions of it for us to-day.

It is but a mere table of names, ages and dates ; but were we disposed to enter into a train of serious reflection, we could easily there find food for our thoughts.

He has referred us to the story of a skeptic, who once chancing to take up the scriptures, turned to the genealogical chapters of the old testament ; and as he read the names of those who were born, filled the measure of their days and died, he was led to think of the common destiny of all men, coming one after another upon the

stage of being, spending the brief hour of their existence, and passing away for ever.

The thought led him to reflect on what was also awaiting him, and resulted in a serious attention to his condition, and a preparation for the change which he realized must eventually take place.

So we, on hearing the story of generation after generation of our ancestors who have passed before us, ought to realize that soon our history will likewise be written and our life's account close for ever.

This is one of the legitimate objects of a meeting like this. We are assembled on a day long observed as one of festivity and thanksgiving throughout the New England States. But while we indulge in the free and joyous intercourse which always marks such an occasion, it is likewise incumbent on us to remember that each anniversary of such a day brings with it a change in the circle ; old faces are gone and new ones appear.

But this is not a meeting of an ordinary character. Centennial meetings of counties and towns, and even of families are not unknown ; but we meet as a family, under the same roof which sheltered our ancestors a hundred years ago.

The same fireside around which we are gathered, and the same walls which encircle us, warmed them and closed around them a century ago. We shall never see another such occasion !

There are here to-day the gray-haired old man, just ready to step off the stage of life, and the infant essaying its first steps on its threshold. But before another century has rolled around, we shall all, old and young alike, have passed away.

This old house may yet be standing, another and a similar circle may then be gathered on the same spot,

and the story of this day's proceedings may be read to them as the history of an event whose actors long since passed away.

Should such a thing transpire, may they recur to the history of their ancestors with as much pleasure as we do to that of ours. Our fathers were not great men, as we usually understand greatness. They left no name to fame ; they did not accumulate wealth so as to enrich us ; but they left us for an inheritance an unsullied name. They were men of integrity, stern and uncompromising ; and we shall have lived well if we leave the family name as unblemished as we received it.

Many of us meet to-day strangers to each other ; our fortunes have led us in different paths, but assembled here we feel that we have found a common home, and that a common feeling binds us together. Let then all restraint be laid aside, and freedom be given to that familiar interchange of sentiment so appropriate to the home fireside. The few short hours we are to spend together to-day, if thus improved, will be an unfailing source of pleasure to us all through life, and memory will ever revert to this scene as one of the brightest spots in the history of our lives.

At the conclusion of Mr. Adam's remarks, Mr. Isaac Lawrence addressed the children present, as follows :

"It has just been said with much truth, that we who are together to-day, ought to find more substantial comfort and derive greater advantages from our assemblage than we commonly do on thanksgiving occasions ; for as has also been remarked, such a meeting as this is not common. We shall never attend another which will be to us just like it. We ought therefore to feel that we have not come together merely to feast and talk and laugh, but we should try to learn something from the

history of our ancestors that will be of use to us as long as we live.

There is, children, something about the character of a good man, that is always pleasant for us to keep in remembrance. Have you never felt that the effect was good and healthful upon you, to call to your recollection some excellent person whom you have known, or of whom you have heard or read? I presume you have; and when that person is a relative this good influence should be doubly felt—its effect should be twice as happy upon you as under other circumstances.

It is said of a person of whom I have recently been reading, “his children’s richest inheritance is their father’s good name.” We, then, ought to feel that we have an invaluable legacy in the good name of our ancestor; for a good name indeed he has left us; and if we will imitate his example and copy his good ways, we may make this worth more to us than large sums of money, or large estates in land. We hope we have inherited some of his excellent qualities, and in order to find whether we have or not, we must exercise ourselves in a way to call them forth; that is, try to be as active and as useful, as good, as kind, and as charitable, as he was. If we will do all this I doubt not we shall soon discover that there is a little of his energetic and benevolent blood now coursing in our veins.

As you have already heard, there are many persons now living, who remember our great grandfather Isaac, and these persons were acquainted with others who knew him long and intimately; so that the testimony they gave us may be regarded as reliable; and they all speak in the highest terms of his character, and say they never knew a bad thing about him. We do not mean by this, that he was perfect and never did any thing

wrong ; but his general course was so correct, and his habits and manners of life such as to secure almost universal esteem and confidence ; he was respected and looked up to more than the generality of people. We can not learn that he had any enemies. One person who was his neighbor, twenty years, and who is still living, says : " Nobody ever disliked old Capt. Isaac—if all the world were like him, it would do very well." Other testimony we have of the same kind. There is one thing, in particular, about his course which we should remember, and if we will keep it in mind and do likewise, it will be one of our greatest safe-guards. It is this : He adhered to the good principles which he brought with him when he came here.

There are some, who when they go from home away off in a new country, throw off the restraints of early days and listen to evil suggestions, act unjustly, take advantage of their neighbors and do other bad things ; but our ancestor was not such a man as this ; though he was a long way from his home and his relations, and in a new country, he remembered the good instruction he had received in his childhood, and seems to have taken as much pains to nourish and strengthen them in his own heart, and plant them in the hearts of all around him, as he did to improve the soil he had cultivated. This is the way for us to do : remember what pious parents and friends have taught us in our childhood, carry these good principles with us wherever we go, act when away from home just as we would at home, and we shall get along well enough.

Our great grandfather loved children. It is said that he used to have something to say to almost every boy and girl he met ; and after he was so old and infirm as to be unable to go out, he would sit in the door facing

the street, in his large arm-chair, and call the children to him as they were passing, and talk with them. One of his great grandchildren, who is with us to-day, remembers being here one bright summer morning, and going and lying on the large step-stone in front of this house. Pretty soon the old gentleman came, walking with the two staves he had to use in his old age, and with one of them good-naturedly poked him over, and asked him to get up and pull his chair to the door that he might sit down.

He was a pleasant man. One of his grandchildren, and the only one present to-day, lived in the house with him six of the last years of his life, and carried in wood for him and piled it up in the corner of his room every day ; and of course, saw a great deal of him at an age and under pains and infirmities when we suppose he might have shown irritable feelings if ever ; and yet, he says, he never saw him angry but once, and then from such a cause as would have made it difficult for any one to restrain such a feeling. Others who have him distinctly in remembrance, have told me that his uniformly pleasant expression of countenance is one of the plainest things in their recollection.

He was a man, too, who accomplished something.

His long life was not wasted and trifled away. He acquired large possessions by his remarkable activity and industry, and many of the tall trees of the forest were felled by his own hand. Doubtless it was by this kind of exercise that he acquired the great muscular strength he possessed, and the robust health he enjoyed until long past the age of three score and ten. He attained a position in society which gave him influence, and this, as we have before said, he exerted effectually for its improvement and for the elevation of all around him.

And he was a Christian.

How early he became so, we have no means of knowing ; but we know that he did not defer the consideration of this important subject until the latest period of his life.

Many incidents have been related to us which showed that he lived not wholly for himself, and I have no doubt that could we be made acquainted with more particulars in his personal history, we should find that here lay the great secret of his excellent private character, and success in this world's pursuits. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." Let us then, as we believe he did, live with a holy and benevolent aim ; with a desire and a purpose to accomplish something for good, making God's Word the rule of our lives, and we may then feel assured that whatever we have to contend with here, our best interests will be promoted for time and for eternity.

The meeting was then adjourned till seven o'clock, for the thanksgiving dinner.

The old "ball room" had been tastefully decorated for the occasion by the ladies, who had charge of the dinner arrangements, and two long tables extended through the length of the room, well furnished with the good cheer which is characteristic of a New England thanksgiving dinner, bore testimony to the fact that the committee had well performed the duty assigned them.

From the center of the ceiling hung suspended the old tin chandelier, a familiar relic of old times, to all who were acquainted with the house and its furniture.

The walls were hung with evergreens, and the dates "1751," and "1851," wrought in laurel leaves, and

encircled with leaves of the ground pine, were seen in a conspicuous position above the tables.

The family being all seated around the tables, the Divine blessing was implored by Mr. John Franklin, of Canaan.

The dinner which followed was a feast of good things, rendered doubly acceptable by the happy hearts and cheerful countenances of those who partook of it.

After a suitable season spent in eating, different members of the family were called on for brief and informal remarks.

Mr. Orange Lawrence, of Canada West, said :

“ He was grateful that he could enjoy the privilege of being present on this occasion. The associations were of the most pleasing kind ; the scenery of the place, though considerably changed from what it was when he knew it, the occurrences of his childhood and riper years, were dwelt on with pleasure. Most of the familiar faces were gone, and he found himself surrounded by kindred he had never before met. He referred to the resolution he formed to leave his native place and seek a new home. He had been successful ; in the wilds of Canada he had made a home, and made the wilderness to blossom as the rose.

He spoke briefly of the government of his adopted country, and said that it was not well understood by all in the States, nor properly appreciated by all in the province ; that it was conservative in all its provisions, mild in its administration, promotive of the happiness of its subjects, and in no way calculated to obstruct familiar intercourse with the people of the States.

Mr. F. S. Pease, of Albany, spoke of coincidences ; things which happened a hundred years ago, none of

which, though of considerable importance, were more so to the world than the event of the settlement of our progenitor in his new home, a hundred years ago, was to his descendants.

He said this was a great day for the family—the great characteristic of 1851 for the Lawrences, as the great Exhibition in London has been said to be the great characteristic of 1851 for England.

Distant nations there met face to face harmoniously, here kindred members of a large family came from afar to interchange sentiments of friendship. He spoke of the results of the meeting, which were presently manifest in the mutual enjoyment of those present; and of future results which should arise from the increased frequency of such meetings by other families.

Following the gentleman from Canada, he alluded to the institutions of this country, and our own free and independent States, depending for the vitality and cement of their union upon the harmonious union of families of different sections.

Mr. Isaac Lawrence, of New York, offered the following sentiment :

Our absent relatives. Providentially prevented from participating with us in the wholesome pleasure of this festival. We would here assure them of our affection and our sympathy with them in their varied circumstances, “rejoicing with them that do rejoice and weeping with them that weep.”

A general conversation ensued until the time to which the meeting was adjourned had arrived.

EVENING MEETING.

The exercises of the evening meeting were opened by the following hymn, written by Miss Julia L. Norton, of Nashville, Tenn., a member of the family.

The shades of night are gathering round,
The parting hour draws near,
But first a hymn of praise shall rise
From all assembled here.

God of our Fathers ! Thou to whom
All gratitude belongs,
To thee we would with loving hearts
Address our joyful songs.

Upon life's path thy love divine
Hath shed its constant light,
And thou hast brought us all to meet
In love and peace to-night.

But while we sing of present joy,
A tear still dims the eye ;
The memory of our loved and lost
Calls from each heart a sigh.

And when the shades of death shall close
Around this kindred band,
O may we *all* united be
In the bright promised land.

Mr. Isaac Lawrence read letters which the committee had received from Mrs. Amanda M. Benedict of N.Y., Mrs. C. M. Burnett of N.Y., Mr. Andrew Kingsbury of Rush, N.Y., Mr. William Dunham of New York, Miss Julia L. Norton of Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Lucius Southwick of Mount Morris, and Mr. Jonas Lawrence of Newark, N.Y. They all expressed lively regret at their necessary absence from the meeting, and nearly

all contributed some facts in regard to the history and location of the Lawrence family, which are incorporated into the genealogical account contained in another part of this volume. A very kind note was also read from the Rev. Elisha Whittlesey, the pastor of the Congregational Church of North Canaan, who had been invited to attend the evening meeting.

On motion of Mr. Pease, it was voted that William and Isaac Lawrence be appointed a committee to procure funds and erect a plain monument over the grave of Captain Isaac Lawrence.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to publish an account of the day's proceedings, in connection with a revised genealogical history of the family, and that there be inserted in the pamphlet a view of the old house, and of the step-stone at the front door.

Mr. F. S. Pease and Robert W. Adam were made the committee.

Mr. William Adam, of Canaan, made a few remarks on the importance of each family preserving its own history, and the utility of such records in making up the history of the country.

A subscription paper was circulated, and the funds necessary for the erection of the monument and the publication of the pamphlet resolved on, were promptly raised. The following poems, written by members of the family, were then read :

OUR CENTENNIAL MEETING.

Once more within a home we meet ;
Draw up around the kitchen fire ;
Give to the youth that wooden seat,
That arm-chair to the grey-haired sire.

Cold blows the wind outside the door,
And loud the pine tree breathes its moan,
But 'round this fireside we're secure—
The fireside of our new-found home.

Bright shine those flames arising high,
And warm the embers glow below,*
But brighter shines affection's eye,
The hearts of kindred warmer glow.

We all the wanderer's staff have borne,
Together trod a weary way ;
Our hearts from a loved home once torn,
Can prize the fireside found to-day.

A hundred years their course have flown,
A century is now complete,
Since first around this old hearth-stone
That family circle took their seat.

Long since on earth their work was o'er,
Long since was closed their life's brief page ;
Those youthful shouts are heard no more,
Nor prudent counsels of that sage.

What though on herald's blazoned book,
To find their name we search in vain ;
A title from their God they took,
Of Nature's Nobles,—honest men.

They left to us nor wealth nor fame,
A nobler legacy they gave :
They left us an unsullied name ;
Be ours the task to guard it safe.

Upon this spot to-day we'll rear,
In memory of our Father's worth,
A monument that shall endure
Beyond the fleeting things of earth.

Our hearts shall form the pedestal,
And from the base a shaft shall rise,
Of gratitude that ever shall
Point towards their mansions in the skies.

* The old fire-places, which had been closed by modern improvements, were opened for the occasion, and old-fashioned wood fires made in them.

Affection's finger there shall trace
In characters that shall survive,
The record of our heart-felt praise,
The story of their honest lives.

Around the shaft a wreath we'll twine,
A wreath of grateful memory's flowers
That shall not fade at touch of time ;
We'll water it with tearful showers.

We too are wanderers ; our feet
A toilsome, rugged road must tread ;
Wild woods at every turn we meet,
Whose dark leaves shade the sky o'er-head.

We shall not all meet here again,
Fortune leads each a different way ;
But memory ever shall retain
The grateful labors of to-day.

Up to this spot as to a shrine,
Our pilgrim thoughts shall often come ;
Their filial offerings to bind
Upon this altar of our home.

Another hundred years shall fly,
Another century, and we,
Poor mould'ring heaps of dust, shall lie,
Our spirits in eternity.

Our pilgrim band to-day we've traced
Through lingering march, 'neath shaded skies ;
They found a sunny vale at last,
A home each weary one could prize.

May we so live that when the space
Of life's allotted course is run,
We'll stand before our Father's face,
United in a Heavenly home.

SONG OF THE OLD LOOM.*

Oh, many years have fittèd by
 Since I was blithe and gay,
Since I toss'd my sinewy arms on high,
 Or softly bowed to the gentle sway
Of the low-voiced zephyrs that came at e'en
To steal a kiss from my branches green.

Deep was the solemn silence here
 Within the lonely wood,
When in leafy grandeur many a year
 In beauty's pride I stood.
Through that solitude scarce a sound was heard,
Save the soft love-song of some gentle bird.

But man that peaceful bower invades,
 The sleeping echoes awoke,
And loudly through those summer shades
 Resounds the lusty stroke,
And one by one around me fell
The leafy tenants of the dell.

And ere were seen the golden hues
 That autumn's wealth reveals,
I was doomed my native grace to lose
 By the blow the woodman deals.
Then a wearisome life of darkest gloom
I led for years, a toiling loom.

Yet time, contentment oft bequeaths,
 A gift of blessed power ;
Outshining far the summer wreaths
 That form fair beauty's dower,
Contentment mine ; my humble lay
Cheered many a stormy winter's day.

But now my life's long labor o'er,
 Sweet peace is mine at last ;
And thrown aside, I'm prized no more,
 Save as a relic of the past ;

* See list of " Family Relics," exhibited on the occasion.

For many a year of toil I've seen,
 Since I waved on high my branches green.

Oh, ye who boast of wealth, or power,
 Or beauty, list to me.

Prize not those gifts ; a single hour

May bear them far from thee ;

Yet will they bless thee, mortal, when

Thou us'st them for thy fellow-men.*

The following appropriate lines which were read at the meeting, were written by Sprague, on the occasion of an accidental family gathering.

We are all here,

Father, mother,

Sister, brother,

All who hold each other dear.

Each chair is filled, we're all at home,

To-night let no cold stranger come ;

It is not often thus around

Our old familiar hearth we're found ;

Bless then the meeting and the spot,

For once be every care forgot,

Let gentle peace assert her power,

And kind affection rule the hour.

We 're all, all here.

We 're not all here.

Some are away ! the dead ones dear

Who thronged with us this ancient hearth

And gave the hour of guiltless mirth.

Fate with a stern, relentless hand,

Looked in and thinned our little band.

Some like a night-flash passed away,

And some sank lingering, day by day ;

The quiet grave-yard—some lie there,

And cruel ocean has his share.

We 're not all here.

* A vote of thanks was passed to the writer of the Song of the Loom.

We are all here.

Even they—the dead, though dead, so dear,
Fond memory to her duty true,
Brings back their faded forms to view.
How life-like through the mist of years
Each well-remembered face appears ;
We see them as in times long past ;
From each to each, kind looks are cast ;
We hear their words, their smiles behold ;
They 're round us as they were of old.

We *are* all here.

We are all here :

Father, mother,

Sister, brother ;

You that I love with love so dear.

This may not long of us be said,

Soon must we join the gathered dead,

And by the hearth we now sit 'round

Some other circle will be found.

Oh, then, that wisdom may we know

That yields a life of peace below :

So in the world to follow this

May each repeat in words of bliss—

We 're all, all here.

The following closing hymn, written by Miss Charlotte L. Franklin, was sung to the tune of Old Hundred.

CLOSING HYMN.

BY CHARLOTTE L. FRANKLIN, OF CANAAN,

one of the great great grandchildren.

Old Hundred.

OUR Father, bless us as we leave

This place which memory holds most dear,

And to each spirit deign to give

Thy grace, and grant thy presence near.

Thy providence did'st safely guide

Our fathers through the wilds so drear ;

O'er all their steps thou did'st preside,

Nor suffer once their hearts to fear.

Thy bounteous hand their labors blessed,
Beneath their stroke the forest fell,
And in this vale in beauty dressed,
They reared this home we love so well.

A century has rolled away
Since first they trod upon this soil,
And we their children here to-day,
Recount with pride their noble toil.

Oh ! may we in their footsteps tread,
Our hearts replete with mutual love,
And by a Father's hand be led
Till we together meet above.

On motion of Mr. Pease, the meeting then adjourned for one hundred years.

The committee of arrangement made an effort to collect as many of the old family keepsakes as possible, for exhibition at the meeting. They succeeded in gathering the following :

A Loom, made from the oak tree under which Capt. Isaac Lawrence and family encamped the night after their arrival in Canaan, June 2, 1738. The owner of this loom having presented it to the descendants in common, it has been now put up in the old house, and can be at all times seen by any of the family who may visit the place.

Capt. Isaac Lawrence's warrant as an Ensign in the "Train Band of Canaan," signed by Jonathan Law, Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, and Geo. Wyllys, Secretary ; dated the 28th of October, in the twenty-second year of King George the Second, A.D., 1748. This is in the possession of Mr. Andrew Kingsbury, of Rush, N. Y., one of the grand children of Isaac Lawrence.

A Wooden Bowl, made from the wart of a tree ; a small Brass Kettle ; a Calico Pocket. In possession of Mrs. Tryphena Dixon, Egremont, Mass. ; formerly belonging to Mrs. Isaac Lawrence.

A Red Cloth Cloak ; a pair of Shoes, embroidered on red woollen cloth ; a pair of Stays ; a pewter Platter, Basin, and Porringer ; a Wine Glass, and Glass Milk Cup ; a string of Gold Beads, and Finger Ring. Now in possession of Mrs. Dixon, and formerly owned by Mrs. Jonas Lawrence, and others of his family.

A Sheep-Brand. Formerly Isaac Lawrence's, now with Wm. Lawrence, of Canaan.

A Newspaper, printed at Litchfield, January, 1794, containing the advertisement of Isaac Lawrence's executors.

An Earthen Bowl, Isaac Lawrence's, now with Mrs. Wm. Adam.

A Wine Glass, Isaac Lawrence's, now with Mrs. Betsey Franklin.

A Pewter Mug, Isaac Lawrence's, now with Mrs. Betsey Franklin.

A Continental \$50 bill, now in possession of Mr. Wm. Lawrence.

Family Record of Jonas Lawrence, 1st son of Isaac Lawrence, mostly in hand-writing of his wife Tryphena, now in possession of Wm. Adam.

A Powder Horn, with inscriptions and figures, dated 1756, now with Wm. Lawrence.

A Hone, now with Wm. Lawrence.

A Chandelier ; a Box for Pipes and Tobacco. Formerly the property of Josiah Lawrence. The chandelier is left in the old house ; the tobacco box is in possession of Robt. W. Adam.

There are other articles of the like nature in the

possession of different members of the family, which could not be procured for exhibition at the time. Among these are :

A Brass Clock, made in —, once owned by Isaac Lawrence, now with Mrs. Abiah Plumb.

A Looking-Glass, now with Abiah Plumb.

The Cartridge Box of Isaac Lawrence ; a Wooden Chest of Isaac Lawrence ; a Table of Isaac Lawrence. Now with Elisha Forsyth, of Owego, N. Y.

After the close of the meeting, an hour was pleasantly spent around the spacious fire-place in the old bar-room ; nuts, apples, and parched corn, were served up in primitive style, and the old pipe and tobacco box were called into use by some of the elders, who had often, in times past, on the same spot, indulged in its soothing influences. At ten o'clock the company separated, and the old house was again left to silence, and its guests scattered, probably never again to be united, yet each carrying away a lively recollection of a day pleasantly and profitably employed.

There were present at the meeting seventy-five persons. Of these, seventy-four were connected with the family, either by descent or marriage, and one a member by adoption. The names and ages of those present were collected in a small autograph book, which has been left with Mr. William Adam, of Canaan, for preservation.

Names of the descendants of Capt. Isaac Lawrence, present at their centennial meeting in the old house at Canaan, Thursday, November 27, 1851—Thanksgiving day.

GRAND CHILD.

William Lawrence, of Canaan, aged 72 years and 10 months.

GREAT GRAND CHILDREN.

Harvey Lawrence, Canaan,	aged 60 years.
Abiah Plumb, Salisbury,	" 63 "
Betsey L. Franklin, Canaan,	52 years and 10 months.
Charlotte L. Adam, Canaan,	aged 49 years.
Tryphena Dixon, Egremont, Mass.,	" 54 "
James Dunham, " "	" 62 "
Harvey Dunham, Canaan,	" 60 "
Isaac White, " "	" 57 "
Cornelia Fellows, " "	" 59 "
Dolly W. Fuller, late of Windham, N. Y., now temporarily in Canaan,	" 48 "
Orange Lawrence, Orangeville, County of Waterloo, Canada W.,	" 55 "
Charlotte Gorsline, Rome, Bradford Co., Pennsylvania,	" 48 "
Wealthy L. Forsyth, Owego, Tioga Co., N. Y.,	" 44 "
Julia Pease, Albany, N. Y.,	" 47 "
Jane L. Franklin, Canaan,	" 43 "
Maria L. Adam, " "	" 40 "
Lorenzo Lawrence, " "	" 34 "
Abigail Gillett, Salisbury, Ct.,	" 32 "
Harriet Lawrence, Canaan,	" 28 "
Frederick Lawrence, " "	" 38 "
Isaac Lawrence, New York,	" 37 "
George K. Lawrence, Canaan,	" 34 "

GREAT GREAT GRAND CHILDREN.

Lawrence Gillett, Salisbury, Ct.,	aged 35 years and 5 months.
Rhoda Lawrence, Orangeville, Waterloo Co., Canada West,	aged 22 years and 9 months.
Elizabeth F. Lawrence, Canaan,	aged 11 years.
Helen A. Lawrence, " "	" 5 "

Frederic S. Lawrence, Canaan,	aged	2	years.
Mary Ann Foster, “	“	35	“
Orcelia M. Crittenton, Henderson, Jefferson county, N. Y.,	“	21	“
Matilda Orcelia Dunham, New York,	“	23	“
Robert W. Adam, Pittsfield, Mass.,	“	26	“
Frances C. Adam, Canaan,	“	21	“
Sarah W. Adam, “	“	15	“
Edmund D. Lawrence, “	“	31	“
Catharine C. Lawrence, “	“	29	“
Jane E. Norton, “	“	19	“
Susan P. Norton, Lee, Mass.,	“	21	“
Loania V. Norton, Albany, N. Y.,	“	16	“
William P. Norton, Canaan,	“	12	“
Edward D. Norton, “	“	10	“
George F. Lawrence, “	“	10	“
Josiah B. Lawrence, “	“	7	“
Isaac Dunham, “	“	36	“
Asahel Dunham, “	“	33	“
Andrew J. Gorsline, Rome, Bradford county, Pennsylvania,	“	23	“
Charlotte L. Franklin, Canaan,	“	24	“
Hugh W. Franklin, “	“	17	“
Harriet E. Gilbert, Salisbury, Ct.	“	11	“
Ellen I. Gillett, “	“	5	“
Julia P. Gillett, “	“	2	“
* “The baby,” a boy 11 weeks old.			

Great Great Great Grand Children.

Irene Fellows, Canaan,	aged	15	years.
Cornelia Moore, “	“	13	“
Francis C. Foster, “	“	10	“
Sarah Dunham, “	“	4	“
Le Roy Dunham, “	“	2	“
Orcelia Dunham, “	“	9	“

Connected by Marriage.

Ephraim Dickson, Egremont, Mass., husband of Tryphena Dickson.

John Franklin, Canaan, husband of Betsey L. Franklin.

Daniel Norton, New Hartford, Conn., husband of Laura L. Norton, deceased.

Elisha Forsyth, Owego, Tioga county, N. Y., husband of Wealthy L. Forsyth.

Sarah B. White, Canaan, wife of Isaac White.

Elizabeth Dunham, Canaan, wife of Isaac Dunham.

William Adam, Canaan, husband of Charlotte L. Adam.

Charles S. Adam, Canaan, husband of Maria L. Adam.

Frederick S. Pease, Albany, N. Y., husband of Julia Pease.

Charles W. Franklin, Canaan, husband of Jane L. Franklin.

Ovid Plumb, M. D., Salisbury, Conn., husband of Abiah L. Plumb.

Lydia Dunham, Canaan, wife of Harvey Dunham.

Phebe Bigelow, Canaan, widow of Josiah Lawrence.

Lotte Lawrence, Canaan, wife of Wm. Lawrence.

Helen E. Lawrence, Canaan, wife of Frederick Lawrence.

Huldah Hayte Tuckerman Lawrence, Canaan, wife of George K. Lawrence.

Member by Adoption.

Ellen A. Robbins, Great Barrington, Mass., daughter of Eliza Robbins, who is daughter of Phebe, widow of William Faxon, and of Josiah Lawrence, and now of Mr. — Bigelow, late of Tyringham, Mass. Adopted by Isaac Lawrence, of New York.

Number Present.

Grand child,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Great grand children,	-	-	-	-	-	22
Great great grand children,	-	-	-	-	-	29
Great great great grand children,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Connected by marriage,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Member by adoption,	-	-	-	-	-	1
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One of the company, Charles W. Franklin, with his family, came personating our ancestor with a team composed of a yoke of oxen and horse, with a young lad, Edward D. Norton, one of the great great grand children, astride. Technically known in New England as a three cattle team.

Letters were received from :

Andrew Kingsbury, of Rush, Monroe County, N. Y.

Jonas Lawrence, of Newark, N. Y.

Miss Julia L. Norton, Nashville, Tenn.

William Dunham, New York.

Miss C. M. Burnett, New York.

Watson E. Lawrence, New Haven, Ct.

Mrs. Amanda M. Benedict, New York.

Lucius Southwick, Mount Morris, N. Y.

Abigail S. Lawrence, Newark Valley, N. Y.

Anson Miner Howard, Oshkosh, Wis.

Daniel Capen, Spencer, Mass.

Harlow Fenn, New York.

The descendants of Isaac Lawrence known to be living, are upwards of three hundred.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

DURING the meeting, a party of serenaders, ladies and gentlemen living in the neighborhood, but not members of the family, partaking of the interest of the occasion, drove up before the house and favored the company with "The Old House at Home," and "Home, Sweet Home."

Page 183, for Konkapot river, read a tributary of Blackberry river, which crosses the road, running under a bridge a short distance above their junction.

" 190, Jonas, Tryphena and Abigail were children by the second wife of Abel. The first wife had but two, who died in infancy.

" 193, top line, the words "by the second marriage," should begin a paragraph.

" 205, 10th line from top, Isaac George, son of John, is erroneously made to appear as of the same generation with his father.

" 223, The song of "The Old Loom" was not written by a member of the family, as was stated on page 220.

" 188, Jonas Lawrence died at Canaan.

" 191, Charlotte Gorsline resides at Rome, Bradford Co., Pennsylvania.

Wealthy L. Forsyth resides at Owego, Tioga Co., New York.

" 192, Josiah Lawrence died at Canaan. His second wife, Phebe, is still living at Canaan.

" " Abiah Plumb and husband reside in Salisbury, Ct.

- Page 192 Harvey Lawrence and family reside in Canaan, Ct.
“ “ Abigail, wife of Sereno B. Gillett, died in Canaan, Ct.
“ “ Lawrence, son of Abigail, lives in Salisbury, Ct.
“ “ Betsey and family live in Canaan, excepting Edward,
who is in New York.
“ “ Charlotte and family live in Canaan, excepting Robert
W., who is settled in Pittsfield, Mass.
“ 195, James Dunham lives in Egremont, Mass.
“ 196, Tryphena Dickson lives in Egremont, Mass.
“ 197, Julia, wife of F. S. Pease, lives in Albany.
“ “ William and family live at Knowlesville, N. Y.
“ “ Jane, wife of Charles W. Franklin, lives in Canaan.
“ “ Maria, wife of Charles S. Adam, lives in Canaan.
“ 198, Frederick and family live in Great Barrington.
“ “ Lorenzo lives at Canaan.
“ “ Abigail and family live in Salisbury, Ct.
“ “ Harriet lives in Canaan.

The publishing committee feel conscious that more errors will be discovered, for a work of this description is never perfect at first. Should there be any, an account of them may be forwarded to Robert W. Adam, Pittsfield, Mass., who will attend to their correction.

Births.

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Marriages.

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Deaths.

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